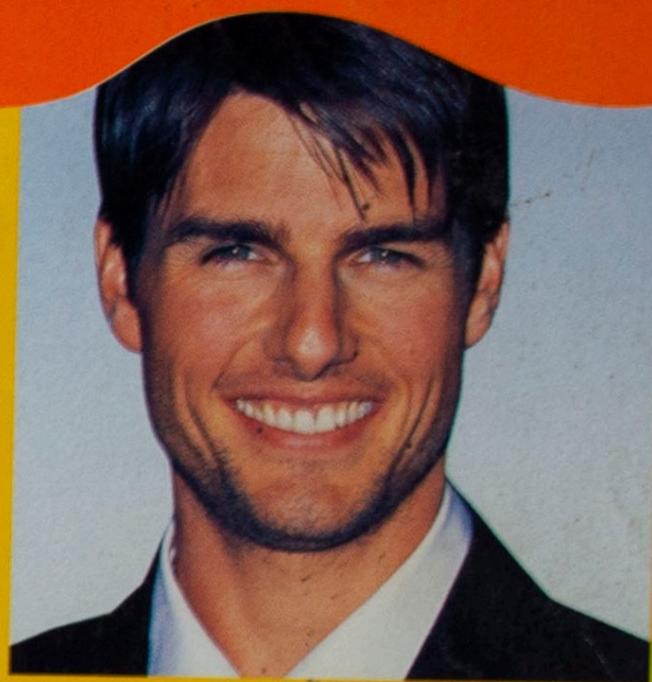
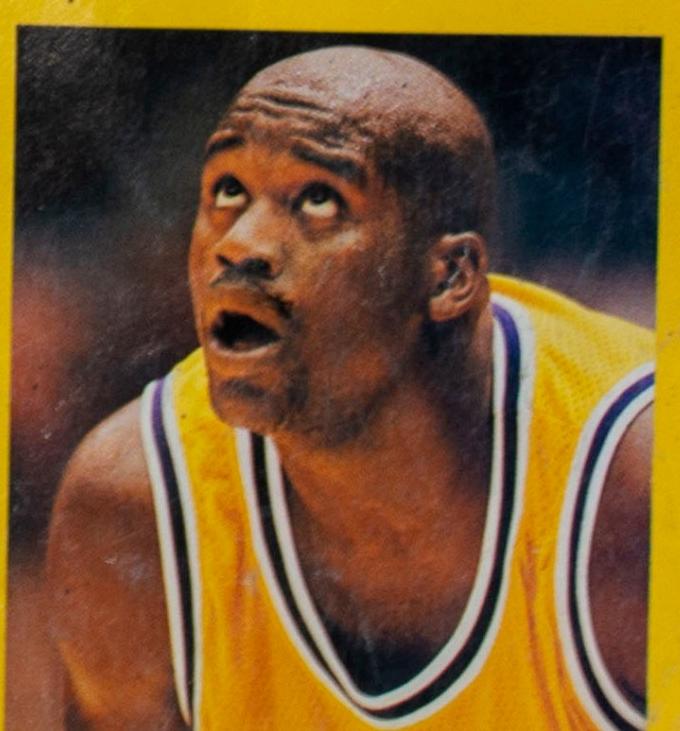
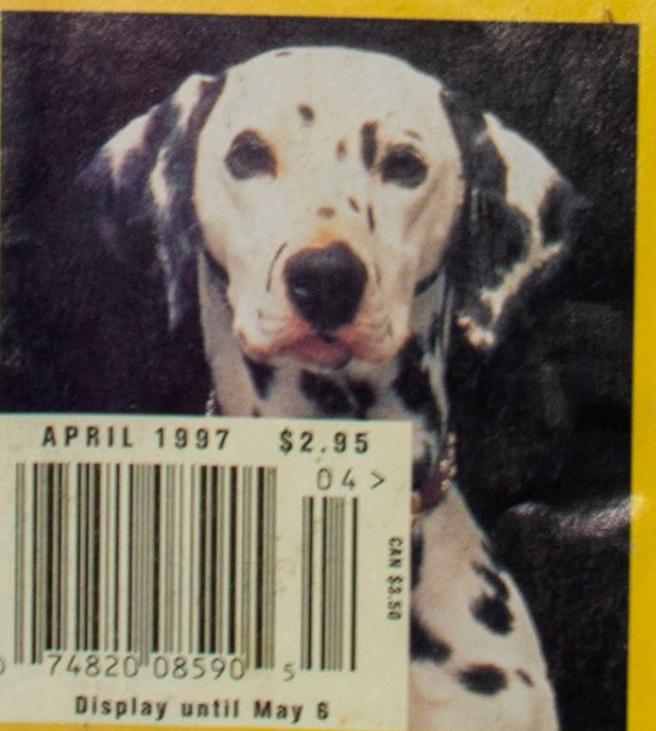


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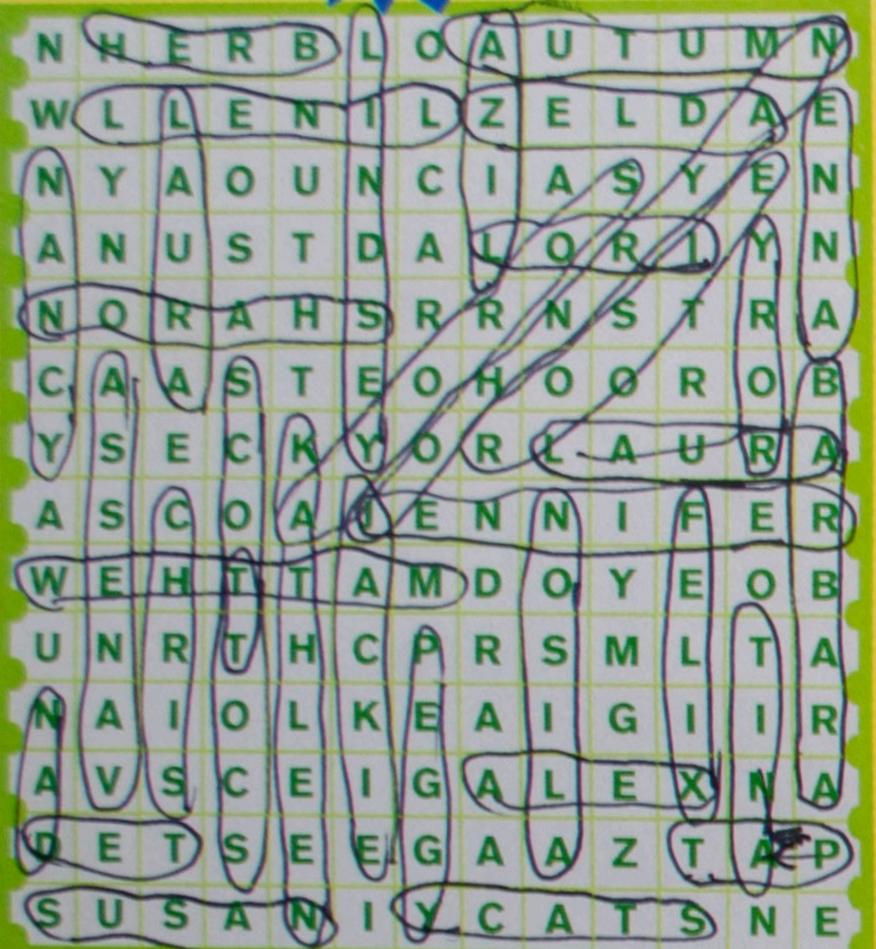


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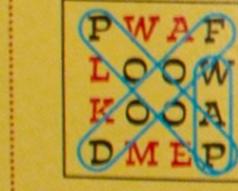
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Niki P., age 11
Plaistow, NH

Dear Niki,
What exactly do you *Maine* by that?

Dear Nick Mag,
How old is Zelda?
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Dear Kat,
Zelda never reveals her age.
Wait a minute...*Kat*? I think you're
meowing up the wrong tree.

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Dear Hanish,
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to the Goof Troupe guy.

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Please include your name, age,
address, and phone number.

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start to
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Solution on page 58.

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The[']s a Rugrat in my Closet! What should I do?



Whatever We Want

Have an Eventful Spring

Have you already forgotten about last summer's Olympics in Atlanta? Not quite excited about next year's winter games in Nagano, Japan? To revive your Olympic spirit, here are some suggestions for spring events. April showers are part of the package, so no event will be canceled due to unpleasant weather.

Triple Puddle Jump

Attempt to jump in three puddles in a row. Splash water up to your knees. Extra points if your sneakers squeak afterward.

Windbreaker Zip

In one clean motion, zip your jacket shut from bottom to top. Penalty if clothing or hair gets caught in the zipper.

The Muddy Sole

Let muddy shoes dry overnight. In the morning, whoever can remove the largest clump of dried mud from a shoe sole wins.

Daisy Pluck

Plucking in a clockwise direction, remove each daisy petal with one brisk yank. As you pull the petals, recite: "I win this event, I lose this event, I win this event..."

Synchronized Sneezing

Pairs Competition: Inhale pollen, pause, and spray in unison. Harmony, grace, and poise count more than force or volume.

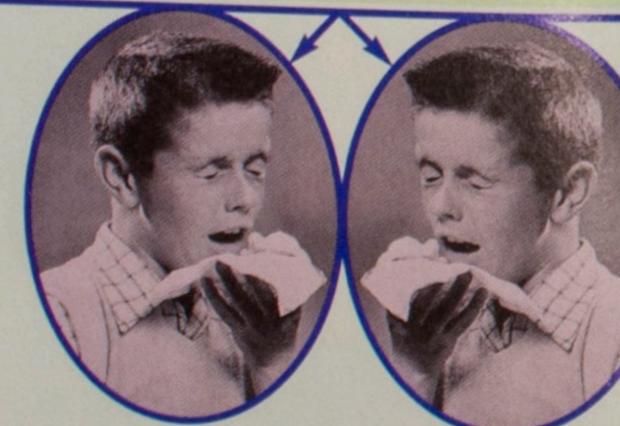
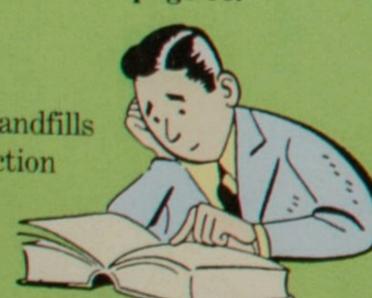
Thanks for dropping by.
A dog.

What's the Word?

Maybe you've been told that the word *gullible* isn't in the dictionary. Well, it is. But do you know what it means without looking it up? Find the real definition in the entries below. Answer on page 58.

gull•ible also gull•able adj:

- A. Uncommonly smart and attractive
- B. Naturally drawn to garbage, as a seagull is to landfills
- C. Especially skilled in distinguishing fact from fiction
- D. Resembling the lungs of a fish
- E. Ticklish and cheerful
- F. Easily tricked or cheated



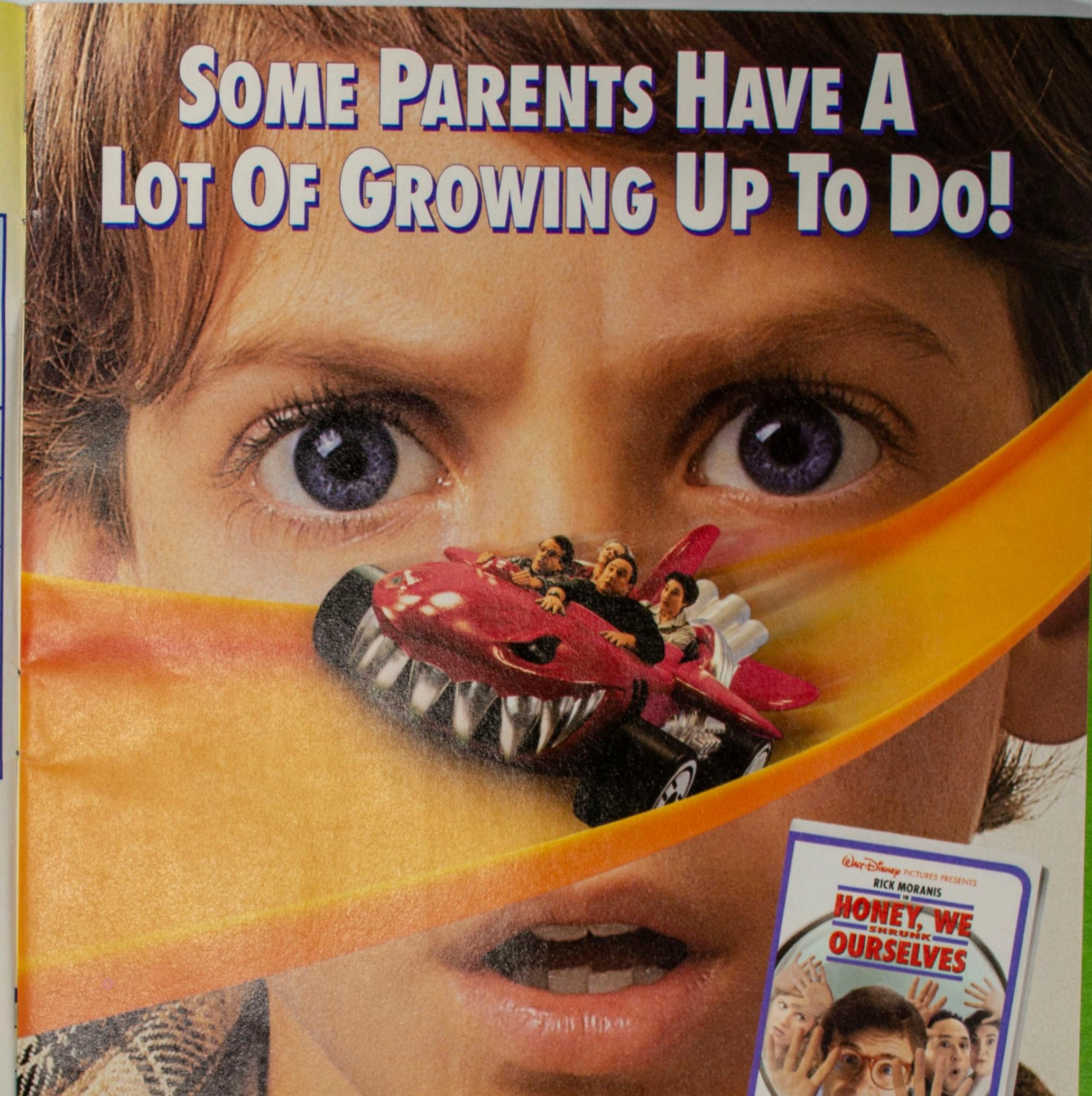
Keep Your Eyes Peeled

To celebrate the prankiness of April Fools' Day, we put banana peels along the bottom of some of our pages. And we tried to slip you up by replacing one of those peels with something else. What is it and what page is it on?

Answer on page 58.



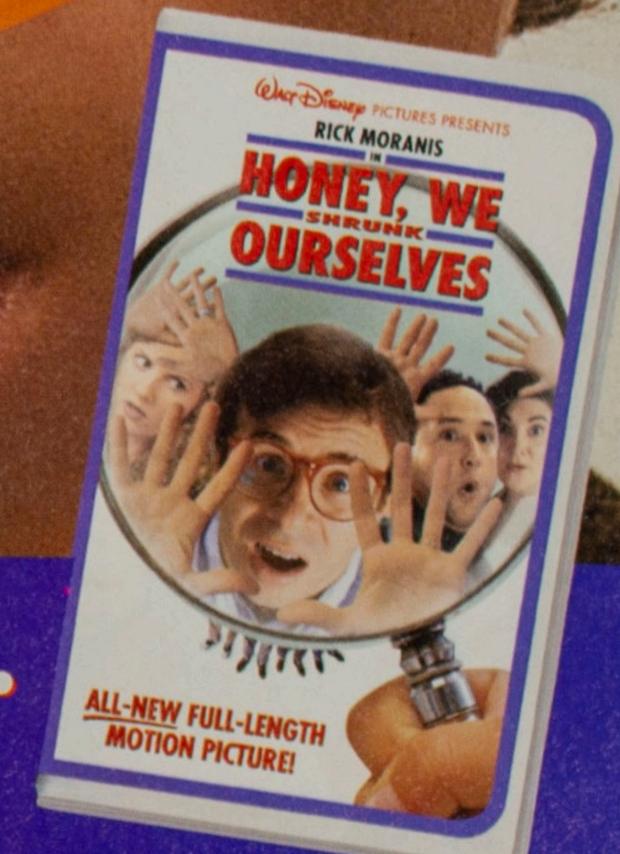
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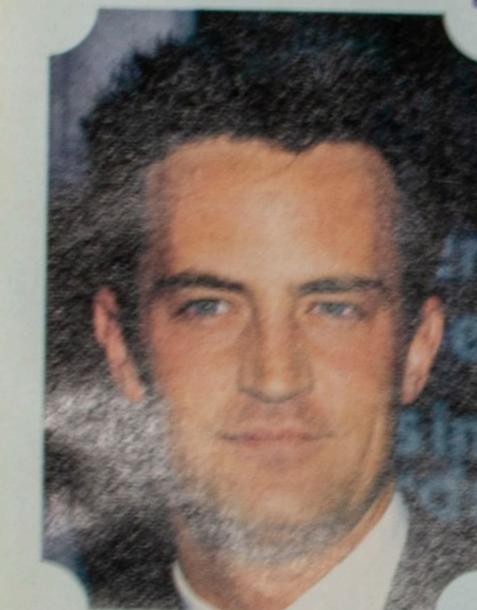
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Pranks for the Memories

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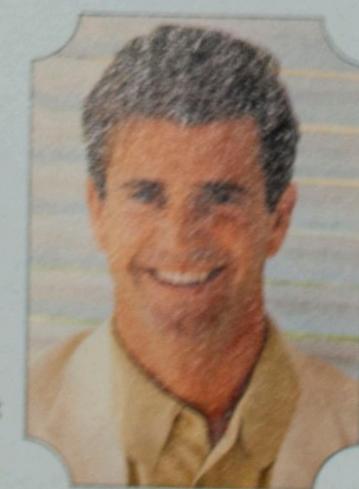
Matthew Perry of *Friends*

On Playing Dumb: "We like to joke around on and off the set, but the cast also likes to pull pranks on our fans. One day Matt LeBlanc [Joey on *Friends*] and I were walking in New York City and saw a huge sign where the Calvin Klein store was being built. Matt and I stood under the sign, and when people recognized us, we'd say, 'Yeah, we're from *Friends*. But where's the Calvin Klein store?'"



Fran Drescher of *The Nanny*

A Clothes Call: "My favorite prank is one all the kids on the show pull. They hide clothespins in their pockets, and when you're not looking, they attach the clothespins to the back of your pants. Let me tell you, I'll be innocently walking around, and one of the kids will say, 'Fran, you've got a tail!' I'll turn around and it's like, 'I can't believe you got me again!'"



Mel Gibson of the upcoming movie *The Conspiracy Theory* & *Mice and Men*:

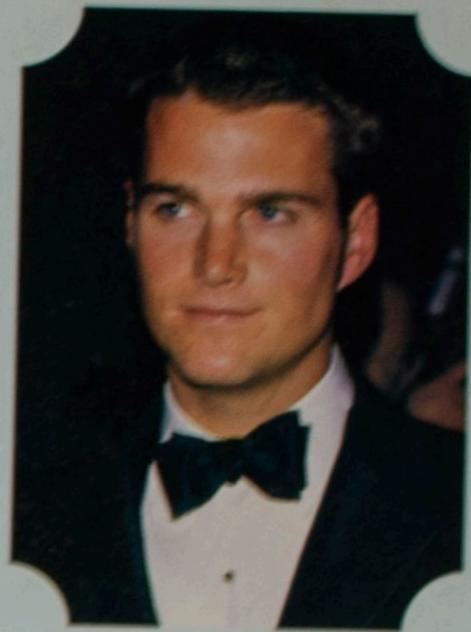
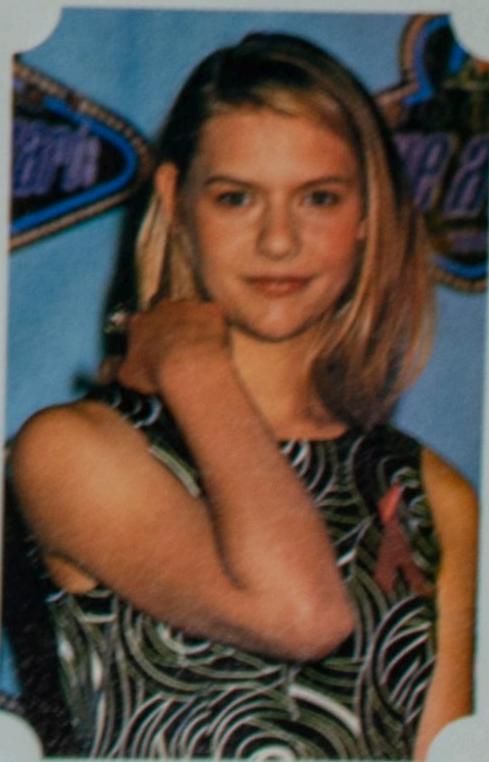
"I love pulling pranks, sometimes really bad ones. While working on my last movie [*The Conspiracy Theory*], I put a little mouse in a box and wrapped it up like a present and gave it to someone on the set [Julia Roberts]. She freaked out!"



*Is she the star of *The Finney?**

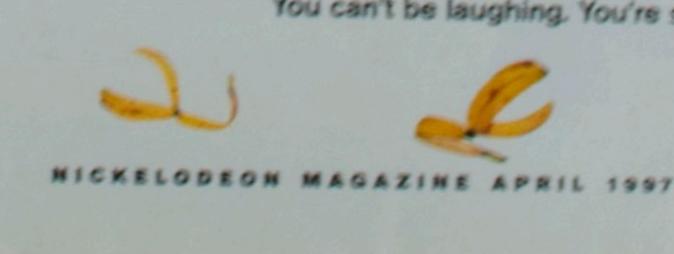
Claire Danes of *William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet*

Laughter Is the Best Medicine: "The best prank I ever played was when I was filming *Romeo & Juliet* with Leonardo DiCaprio. At the end of the film, Romeo thinks Juliet is dead. He kneels beside her, weeping, saying his life is over, too. I lay there, not moving. And then when Leo was really into it, I let out a huge laugh. Leo was like, 'Excuse me, Claire. You can't be laughing. You're supposed to be comatose!'"



Chris O'Donnell of *Batman Forever* and the upcoming *Batman & Robin*

O, Was My Face Red: "When I was shooting *Scent of a Woman*, I was photographed for a magazine with my mouth wide open like a big 'O.' It was really dopey and embarrassing. The day we finished working on the movie, the crew gave me a photo album with pictures of every single person on the movie posing with their mouths open in a big 'O.'"



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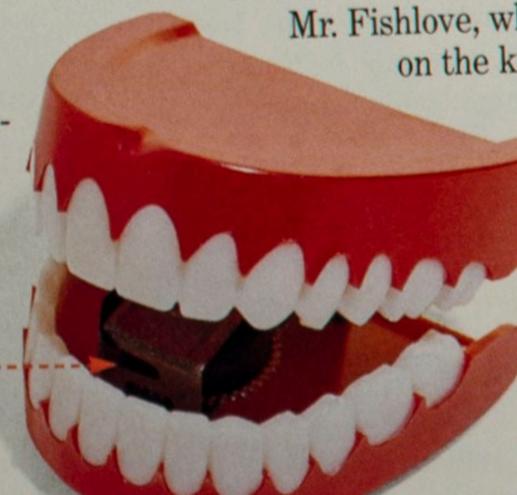
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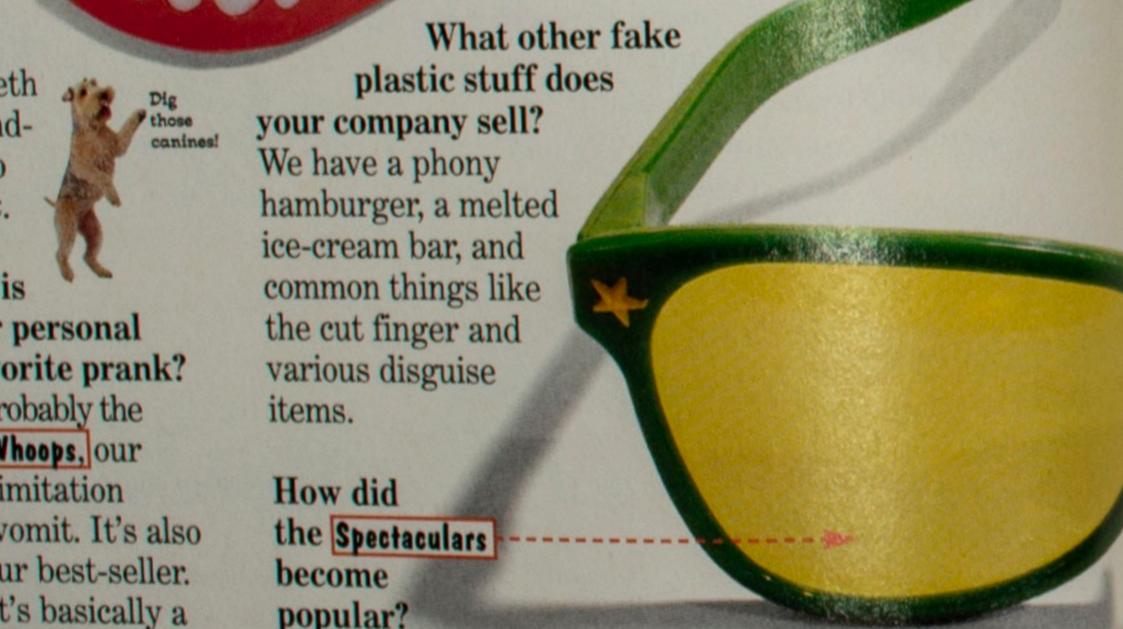
How did the Talking Teeth come to be?

Mr. [Hiram] Fishlove [who founded the Fishlove Company] thought that false teeth were funny. So in the early 1900s, he developed the teeth and the mechanical wind-up to make them go clackety-clack.



Dig those canines!

What is your personal favorite prank? Probably the Whoops, our imitation vomit. It's also our best-seller. It's basically a brownish-yellow plastic puddle with a delectable assortment of different chunky stuff in it. Each and every Whoops is handcrafted.



What other fake plastic stuff does your company sell? We have a phony hamburger, a melted ice-cream bar, and common things like the cut finger and various disguise items.

How did the Spectaculars become popular?

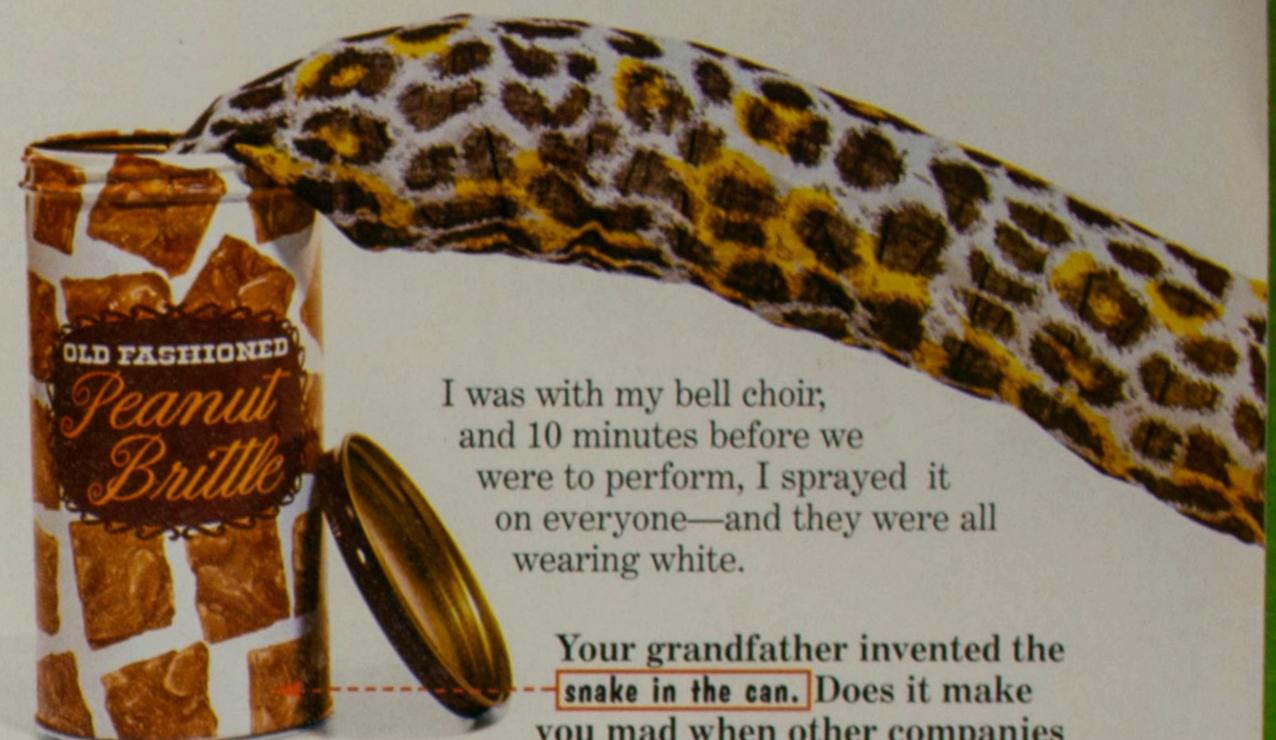
In 1960, during a Chicago White Sox game, a lot of spectators put them on. The fans in a big area of the stadium were wearing these giant sunglasses. Life Magazine ran a picture of it. The glasses became an instant hit and created an entire jumbo market. We also make a supersize

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comb, toothbrush, and knife and fork. So we've got stuff for the big head, big mouth, and big eater.

What's the ideal use for the giant glasses?

They're for people who want to call attention to themselves. It's kind of an instant clown prop. Of course, they also work well as a pair of sunglasses.



I was with my bell choir, and 10 minutes before we were to perform, I sprayed it on everyone—and they were all wearing white.

Your grandfather invented the snake in the can. Does it make you mad when other companies

make imitations?

It's just one of those things you accept. As they say, imitation is the highest form of flattery.

Have you had something else pop out of the can? No, they've always been snakes. But we've done different cans. The one I did most recently was a can of potato chips.



Do you celebrate April Fools' Day at work?

We don't always do it, because then everyone would expect

How do you test new pranks?

What is your favorite prank? I like the more subtle ones, like the rubber chocolates. People will just pick them up and politely put them back. They're not quite sure whether there's something wrong with the candy.

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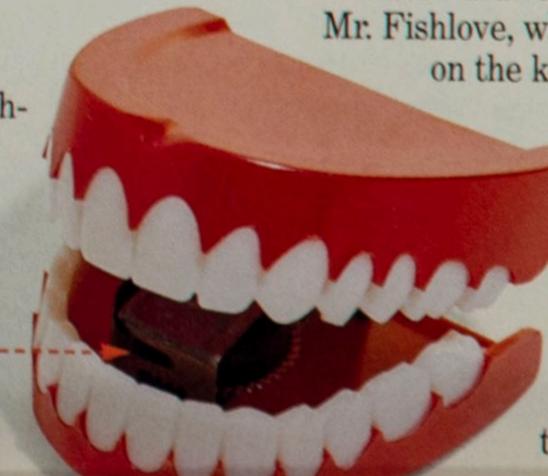
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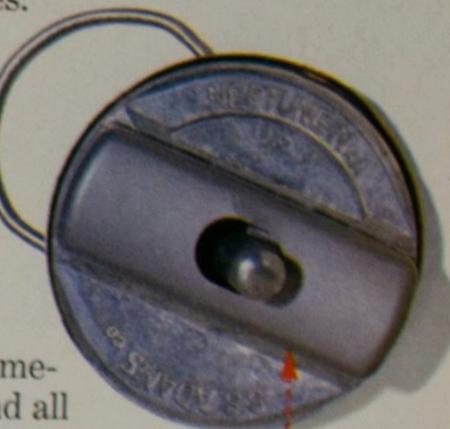
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What's the best time to use a Joy Buzzer?

Anytime you have to shake hands. Supposedly, former president George Bush likes them. And I've heard from two different people that the British royal family likes to play practical jokes.

Because of your job, do people always think you're going to play a practical joke on them?

Yes. There are some people who, if they're going to shake hands, check my palm for a Joy Buzzer. And I could never innocently offer someone a piece of gum. □



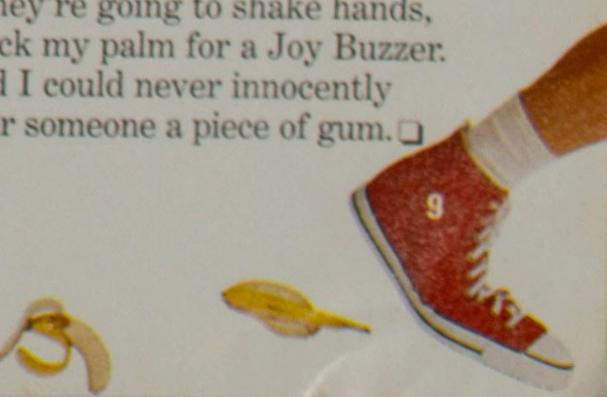
These glasses actually are almost a foot wide.

Have you ever tricked people by squirting them with Disappearing Ink?

Sure. I was nearly beat up once in grammar school.



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3 Square Pranks a Day

by David Lewman



BREAKFAST

The most important prank of the day

- Tape a notice on the milk carton that says your brother or sister's brain has been missing since September 9, 1994.
- Pretend to find a great prize in a cereal box: "Wow! A cellular phone! Not bad for the store brand."
- If someone is drinking orange juice, say "You know, I heard that orange juice pulp is a form of citrus dandruff."
- Ask someone to lean over and listen to your Rice Krispies. Explain that they're saying "You have morning breath!" in Krispese.
- Start a rumor that Dig 'Em, the Kellogg's Smacks "frog," is really just an uppity toad.

LUNCH

- Put a white mint in your mouth. Then pretend to bite down on your sandwich and say "Ow." Spit the mint onto the floor, turn to the person next to you, and say "Help me fine ma toof."
- Tell everyone that you heard there's one milk carton with a twenty dollar bill taped to the bottom. Count how many people spill their milk trying to look.
- While eating cookies, pretend to see a Keebler elf peeking into the cafeteria.



Prank all you want,
but don't mess with
the dog food.

DINNER

- If you're eating mashed potatoes, sneak a Mr. Potato Head mustache into your spuds. Then hold it up on a fork, look at the cook, and ask "How could you?"
- At a fancy dinner, place extra forks and spoons around each plate and see how people deal with them.
- If you're having food that comes from a box, use a black pen to add zeros after the number of fat grams on the "Nutrition Facts" panel. Then casually ask "Is this fattening?"
- Pretend to pull something from under the tablecloth. Then say "Hey, what's this?" and hold up a pair of underpants.



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The school cafeteria's menu is completely scrambled. Make like an egghead and figure out what's really for lunch by reordering the letters in each phrase to spell one of the dishes on the right. Answers on page 58.

- | TODAY'S SPECIALS | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| A FAT MOLE | MADE IN A ROACH SCENE |
| FURRY SLICE | KISS A SALTY RUBE |
| RIB TOUR | BAD WRENCH IS A MINUS |
| SKATE CHEESE | DESSERT |
| CUTE BRICK RHINO | MEDIC CAN WIRE CASH |
| SICK GREEN FINCH | ODD CAKE OF ELVIS |
| THIN SICK CAT PEE | OPEN A DUCK |
| TOT AT REST | |

1. CHICKEN FINGERS
2. BURRITO
3. CHICKEN PATTIES
4. MACARONI AND CHEESE
5. MEAT LOAF
6. POUND CAKE
7. SALISBURY STEAK
8. CHEESE STEAK
9. CHICKEN BURRITO
10. ICE CREAM SANDWICH
11. TATER TOTS
12. SUBMARINE SANDWICH
13. DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE
14. CURLY FRIES



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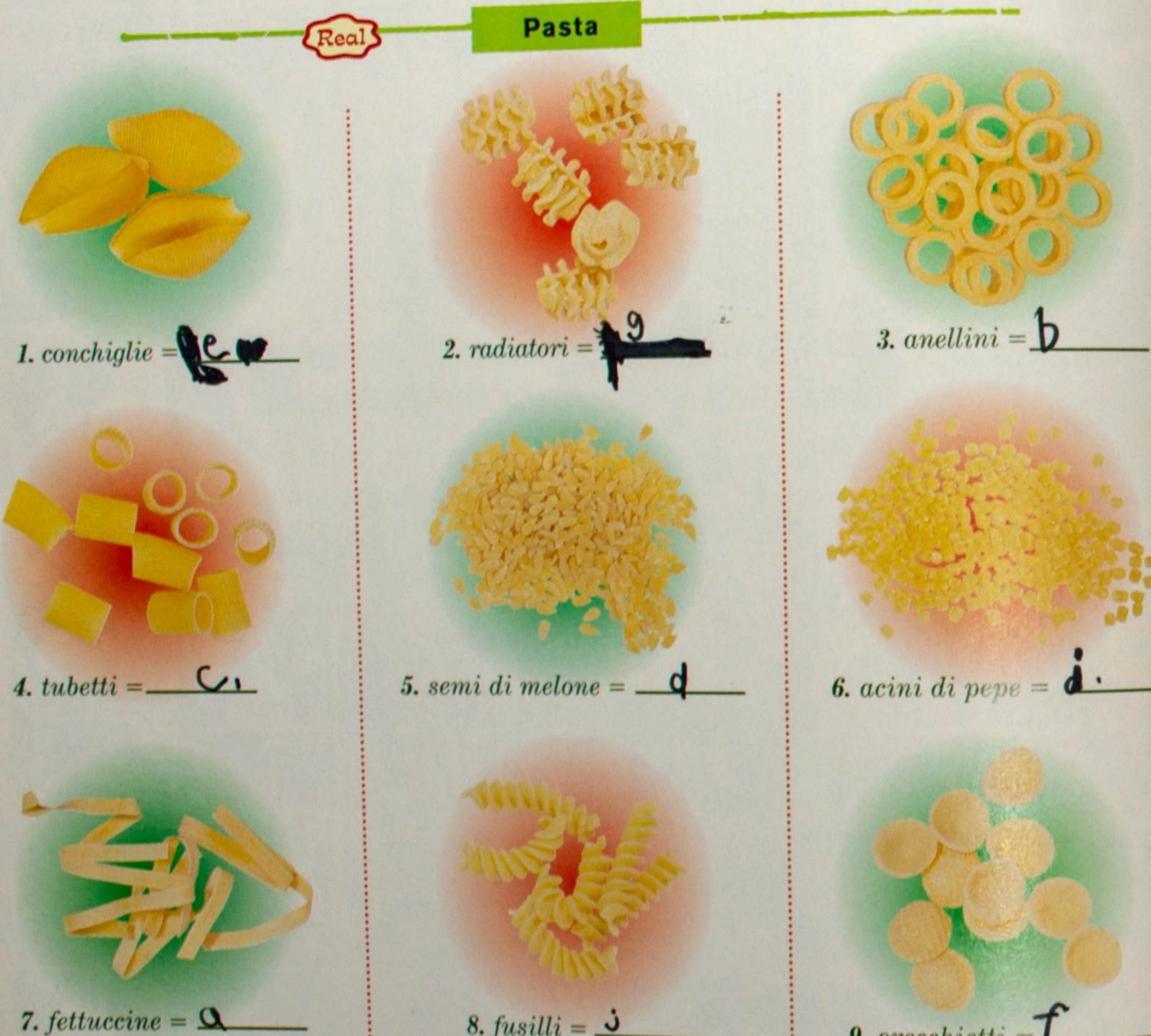
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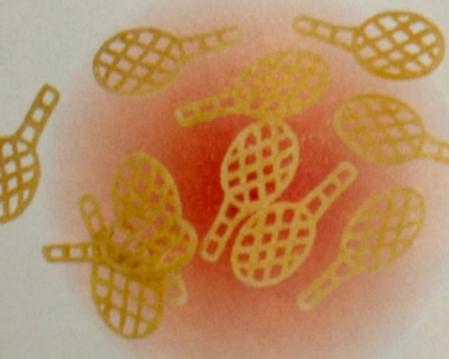
MISSION: IMPASTABLE

Pasta is often named after the object it looks like. For example, *spago* is Italian for string, which spaghetti resembles. Get cooking and try to match each type of pasta to its namesake listed in the box below. Answers on page 58.



Translation

- a. thin ribbons b. small rings c. little tubes
- d. cantaloupe seeds e. shells f. little ears
- g. radiators h. rackets i. peppercorns j. screws



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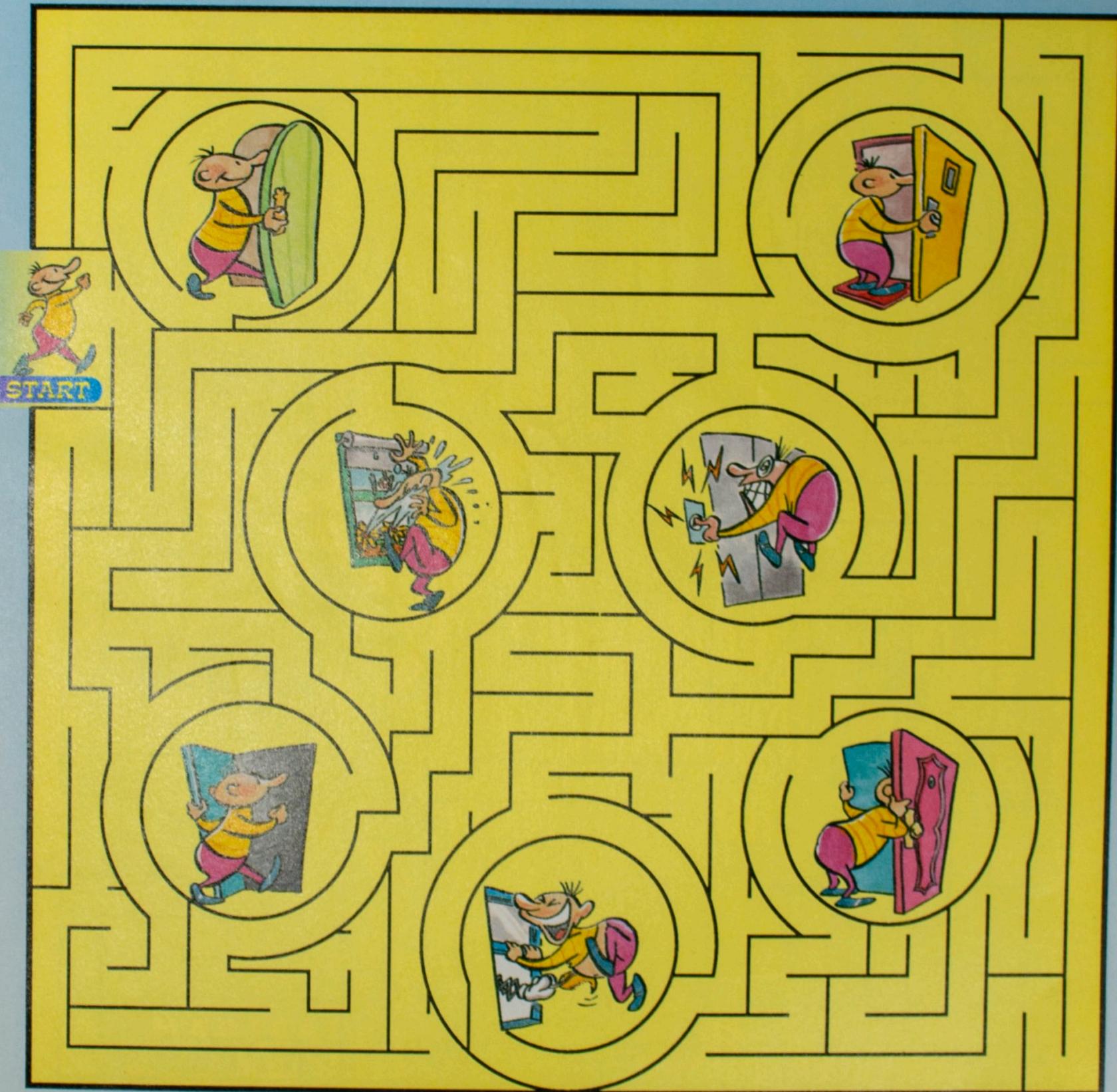
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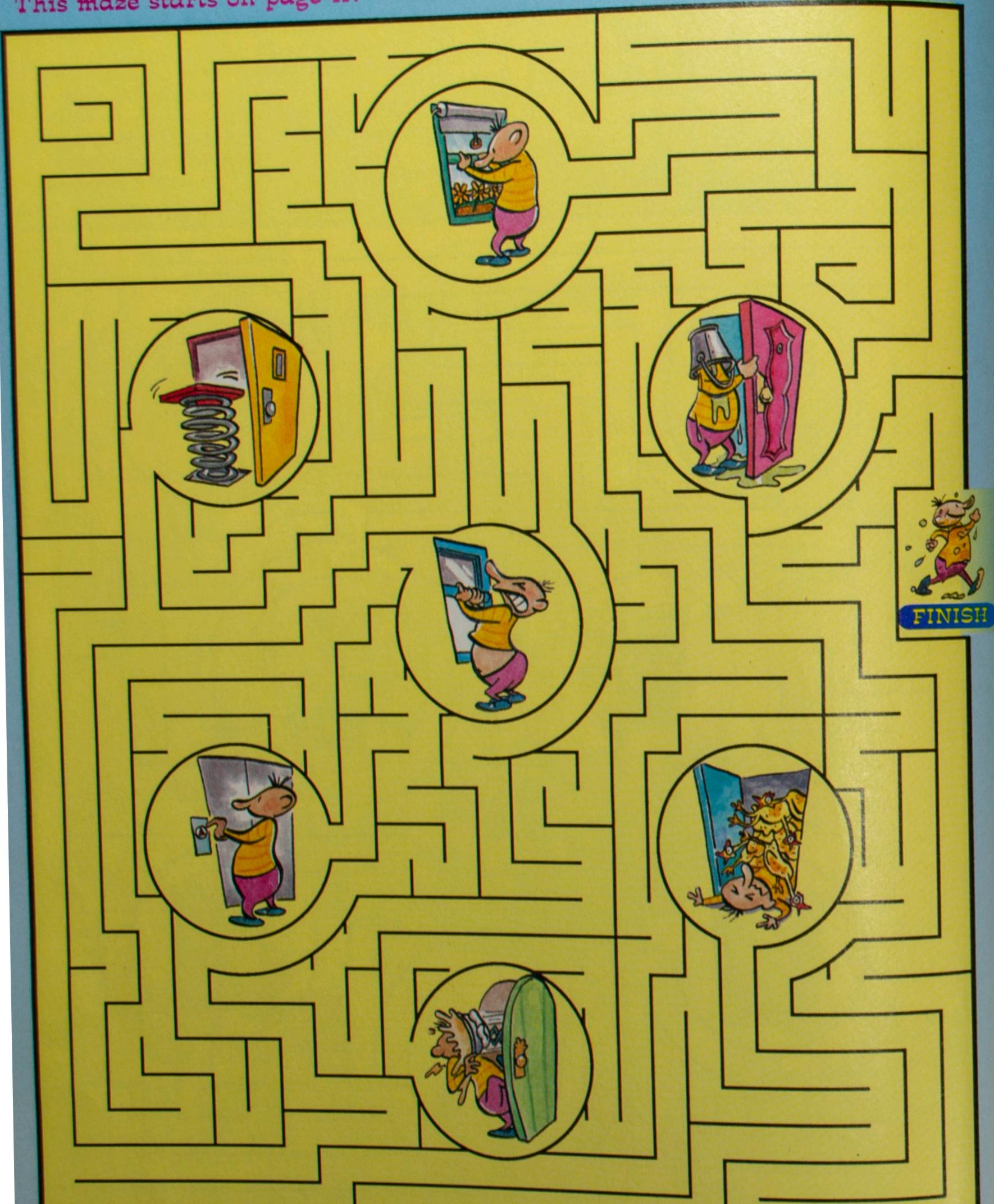
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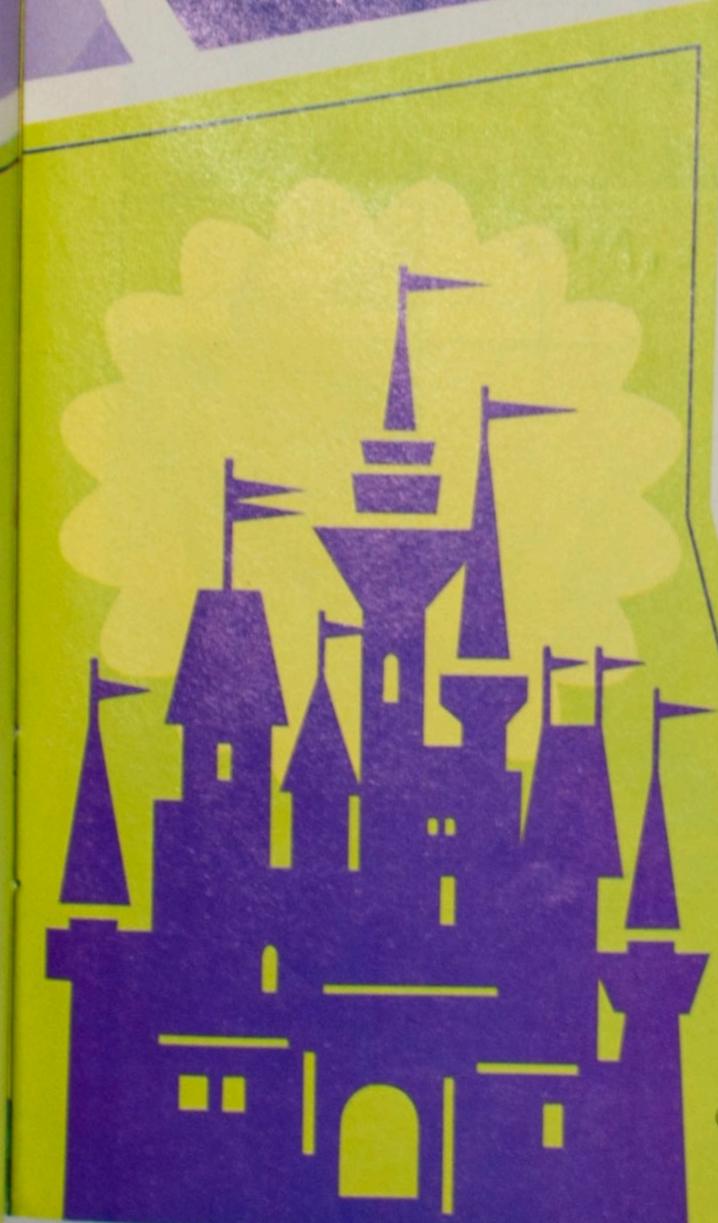
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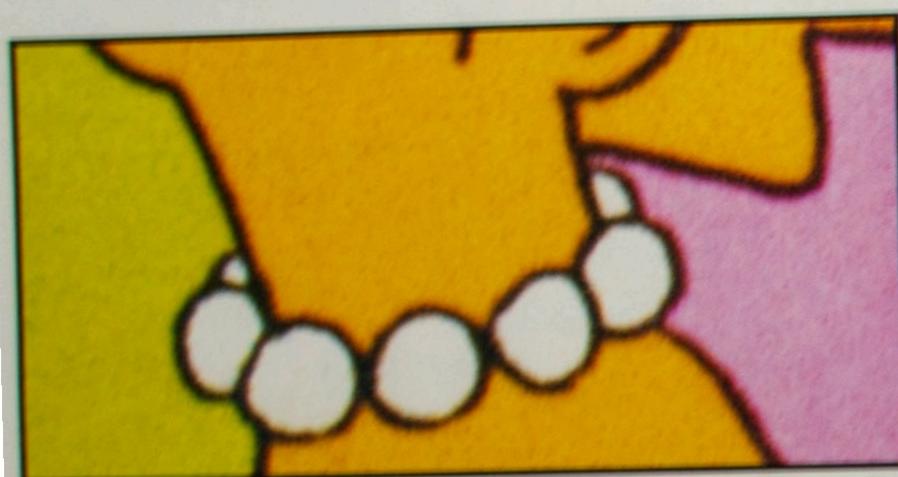
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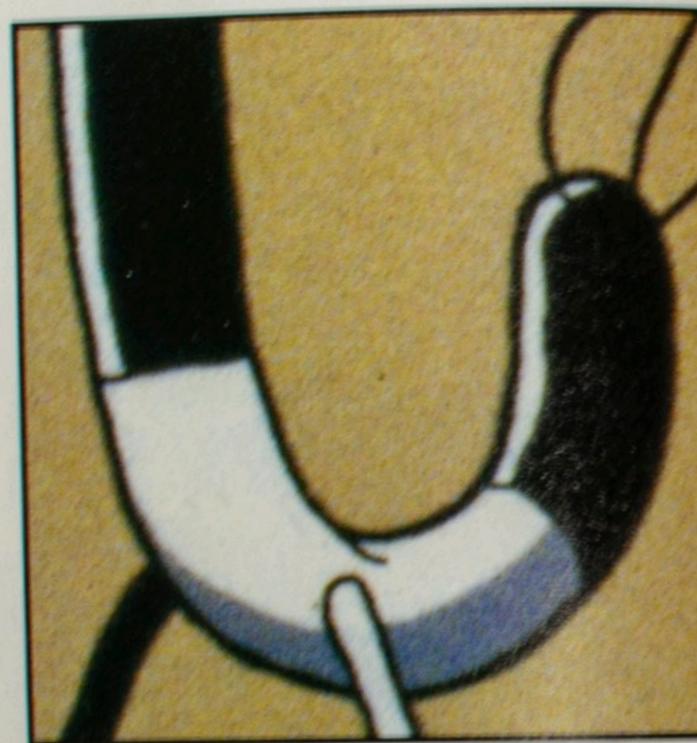
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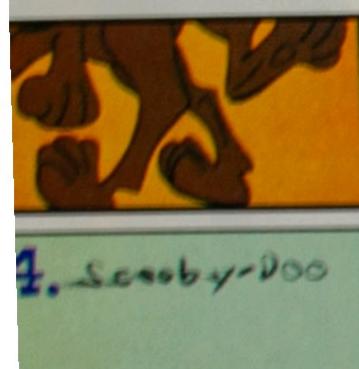
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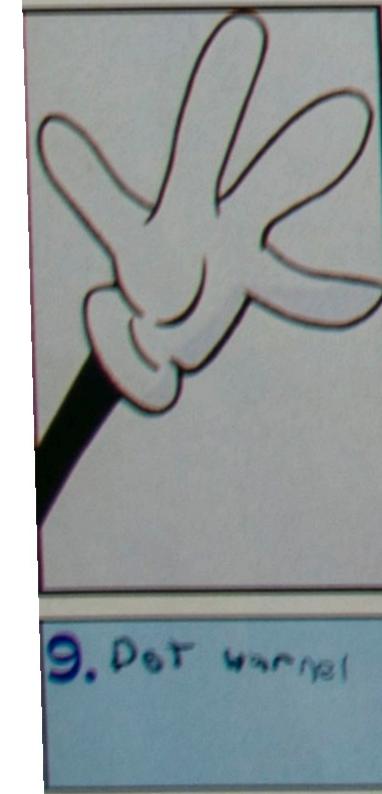
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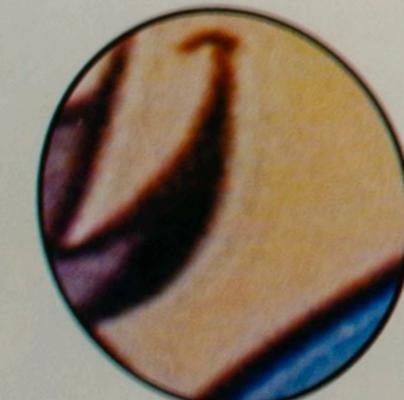
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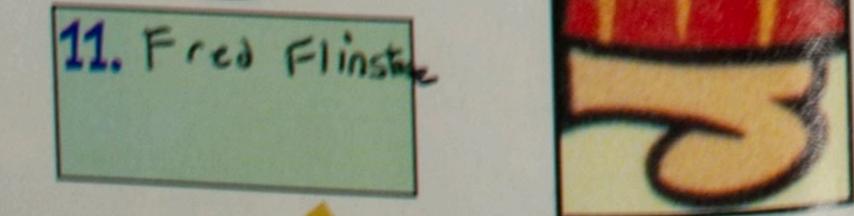
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7. Arnold



6. Angelica Pickles



3. Chuckie Finster



8. Superman



7. Superman



12. Ren Hoek

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- C. Taz
- D. Arnold
- E. Bugs Bunny
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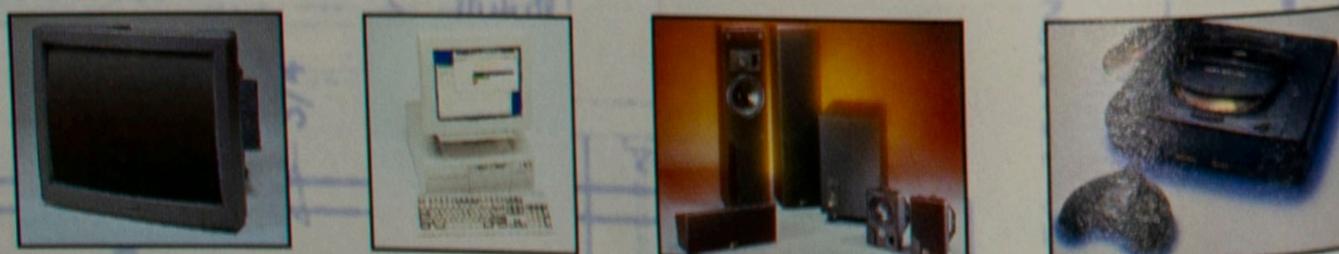
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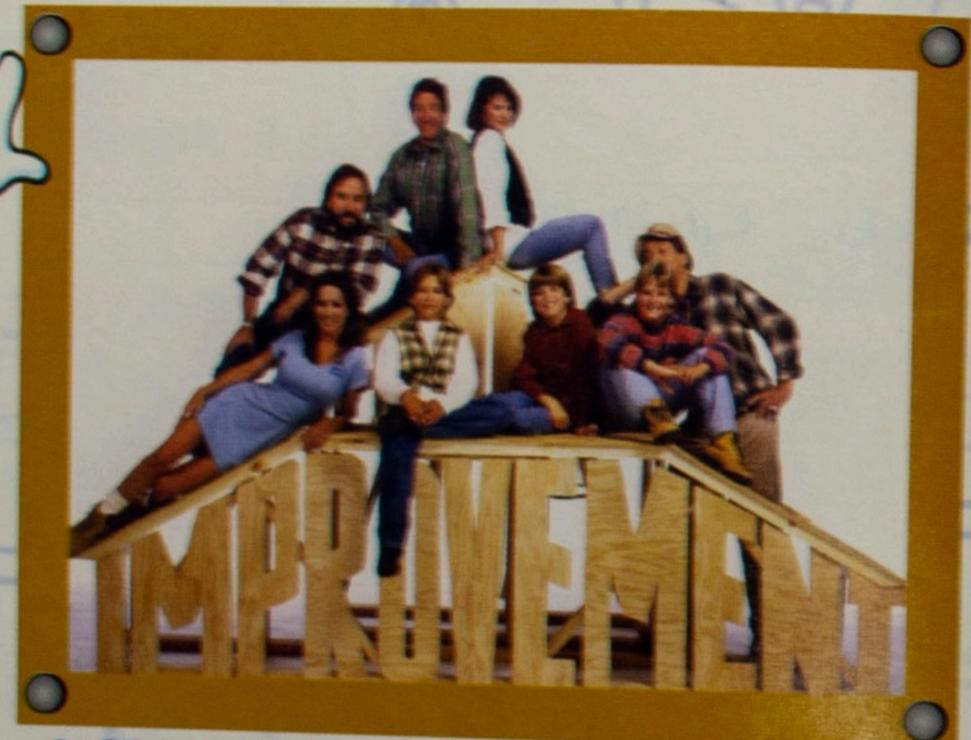
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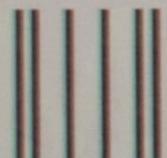
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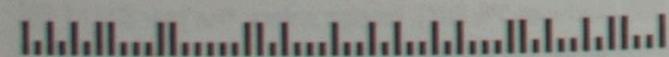
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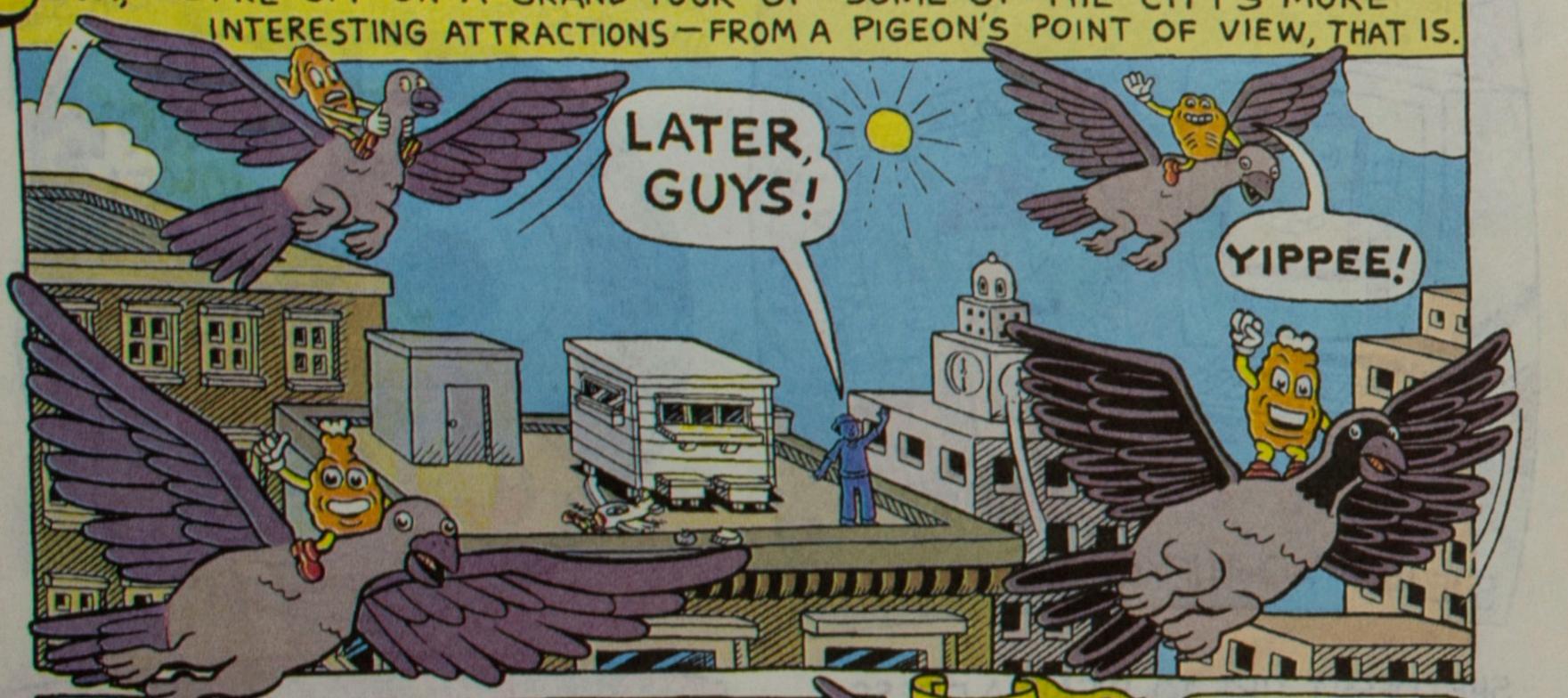
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LATER, GUYS!

YIPPEE!



YOW! LOOK AT ALL THOSE SPIKES! WE CAN'T LAND HERE!

YEAH! THIS PLACE IS POSITIVELY PIGEON-PROOF!

HEY LOOK!

I COULD SWEAR I'VE SEEN HER BEFORE!



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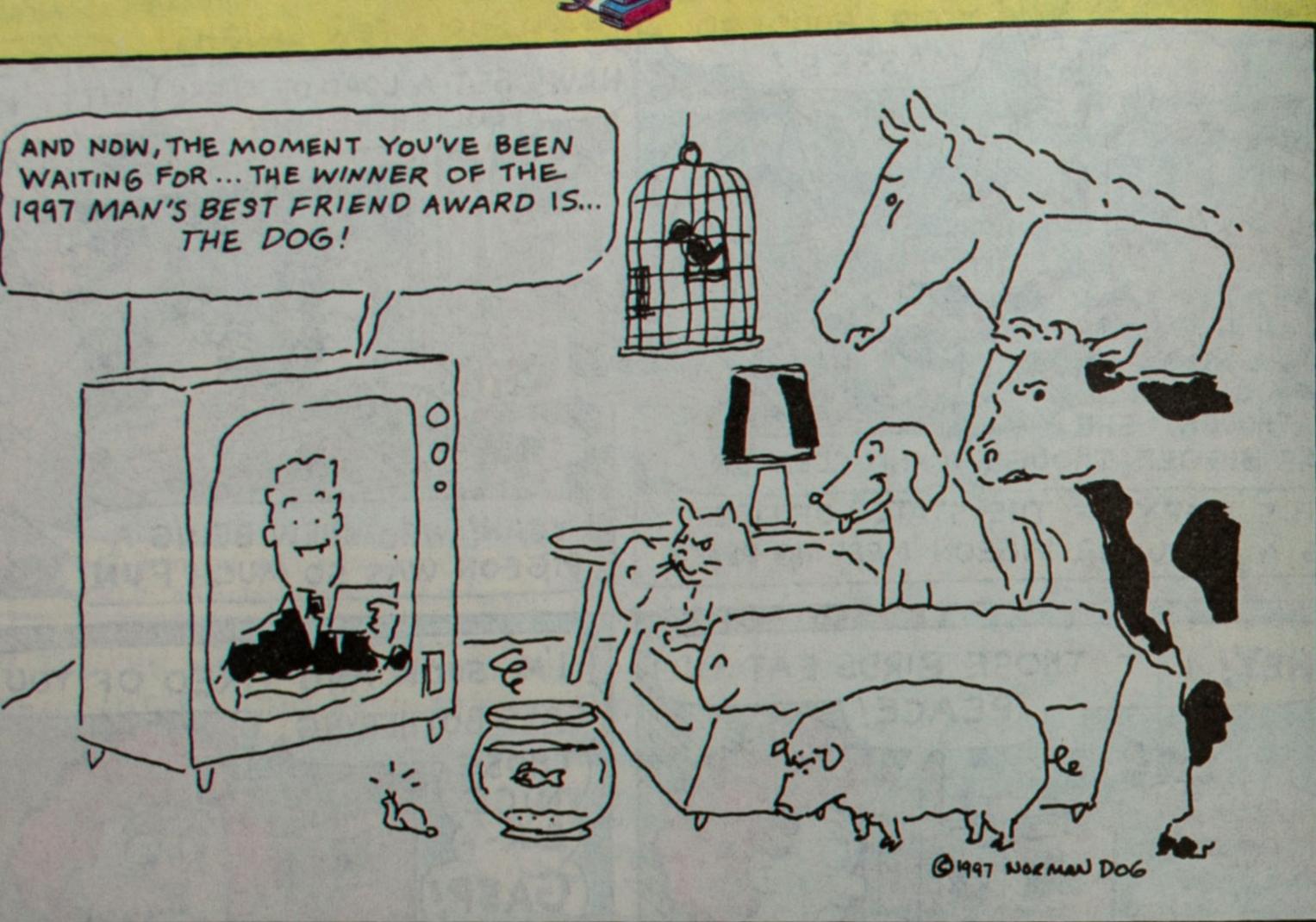
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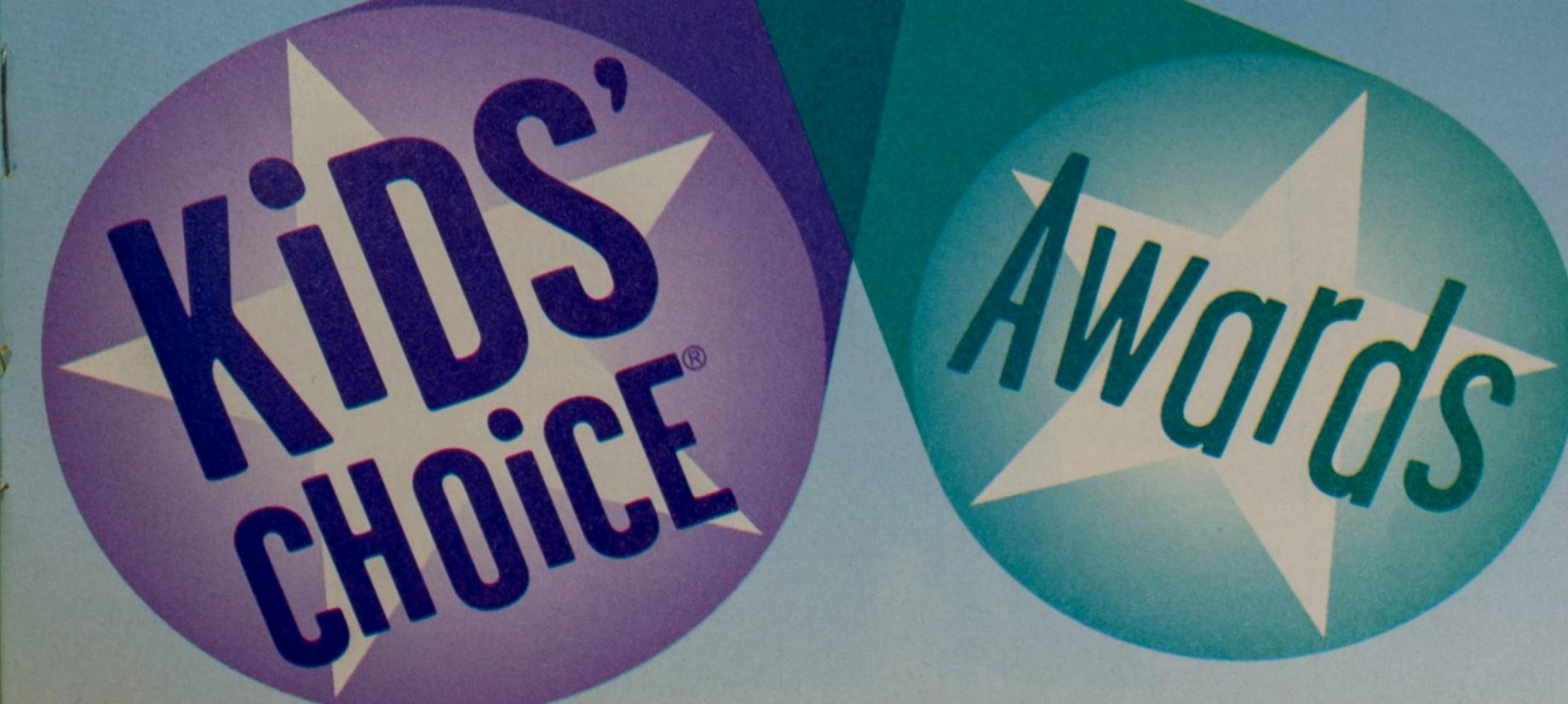


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Rosie to the Occasion



ROSIE O'DONNELL has been a stand-up comedienne, starred in movies with Tom Hanks and Madonna, acted in a Broadway musical, and now has her own daytime talk show. On April 19, Rosie will add something else to her long list of accomplishments—host of Nickelodeon's 10th Annual Kids' Choice Awards.

CROWD PLEASER

Why did Rosie O'Donnell want to host Kids' Choice? "I love Nickelodeon," says the two-time Kids' Choice nominee. "Kid audiences show their enthusiasm. They're willing to play along with me." And, Rosie says, "It's important to me that kids appreciate my work, because when I was a kid, I looked to entertainers to make me happy and to help me dream of a better life."

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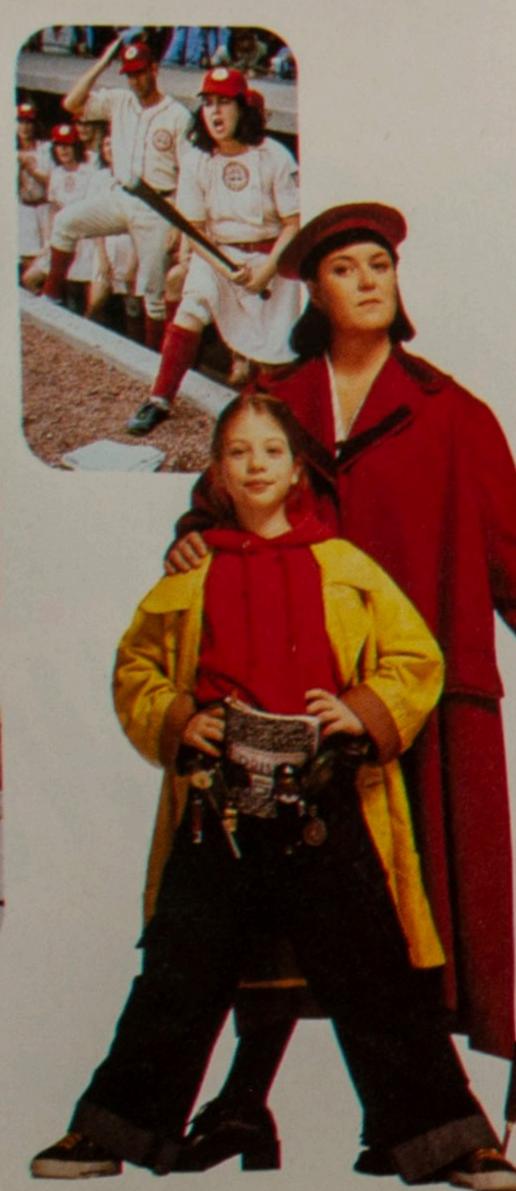
Though now a star herself, Rosie's still starstruck. She's a longtime fan of Tom Cruise, and she calls the Kids' Choice Favorite Movie Actor nominee "the most perfect human on the face of the earth." She brags that she's seen all of his movies, even the often-overlooked *Legend*, in which Tom played a hermit who talks to birds. Rosie finally met him late last year after Tom's mother and sisters, who love Rosie's talk show, convinced him to be on the show. "Meeting him was the greatest!" Rosie says. "He was a really good sport."

SLIME-O-PHOBIA

Rosie's preparing herself to host the Kids' Choice Awards by watching tons of Nickelodeon shows. But being the host with the most doesn't mean she has the inside scoop. Rosie won't know the winners until they're announced on stage, and she doesn't even know which stars will be there. "I hope Stick Sticky shows up," Rosie pines. She's also completely in the dark about who will get slimed—though she has her fears: "I bet it's me."



A Bunch of Rosies: (photos, clockwise from top left) in *The Flintstones*, *A League of Their Own*, *Harriet the Spy*, *Sleepless in Seattle*, and *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*.



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ROSIE'S CHOICE AWARDS

These were Rosie's picks when she was a kid.

Rosie at 10 years old (1972)

Favorite Movie:
The Sound of Music

Favorite TV Show:
The Brady Bunch

Favorite Musicians:
The Carpenters

Favorite Book:
Harriet the Spy, by Louise Fitzhugh

at 16 years old (1978)

Favorite Movie:
Grease

Favorite TV Show:
Charlie's Angels

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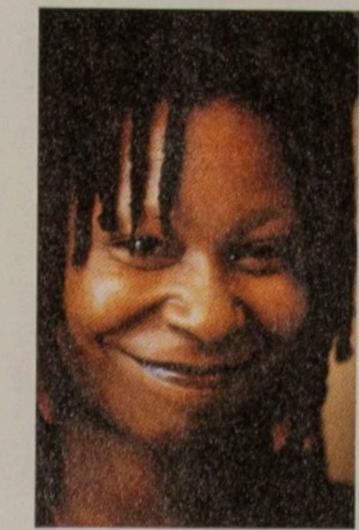


TALK OF FAME

Cheryl Family entered the winner's circle when she caught up with some Kids' Choice Award recipients.

WHOOPY GOLDBERG

Favorite Movie Actress (1987, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1994)



Why was winning important to you?

I dig Nick. And I dig kids. It means a lot that kids like what I do.

How is Kids' Choice different from the Academy Awards?

I don't have to get all dressed up and wear heels. I do like my shiny gold guy, though. [Whoopi won an Academy Award in 1990 for *Ghost*.]

Where do you keep your Kids' Choice trophies?

In my library. They cheer me up when I'm having a bad day.

Did you win any awards when you were a kid?

I don't remember any. However, I did start rehearsing my Academy Awards acceptance speech at a very young age. My mom and brother got sick of hearing it every year.

TIA AND TAMERA MOWRY

Favorite TV Actresses (1995, 1996)

Why was winning important to you?

Tia:

Children are the toughest critics, so winning the Kids' Choice Award was extra special.

Tamera:

When kids visit the set, they sometimes use our awards as toys. They enjoy looking inside the awards and watching the magical designs. [The Kids' Choice trophy has a kaleidoscope inside.]



ROSEANNE

Favorite TV Actress (1992)



Was winning the Kids' Choice Award important to you?

Absolutely. 'Cause I love kids. I was surprised when I received my award.

Why do you think many

of your fans are kids?

'Cause I'm mean! A lot of kids stop me on the street and ask for my autograph.

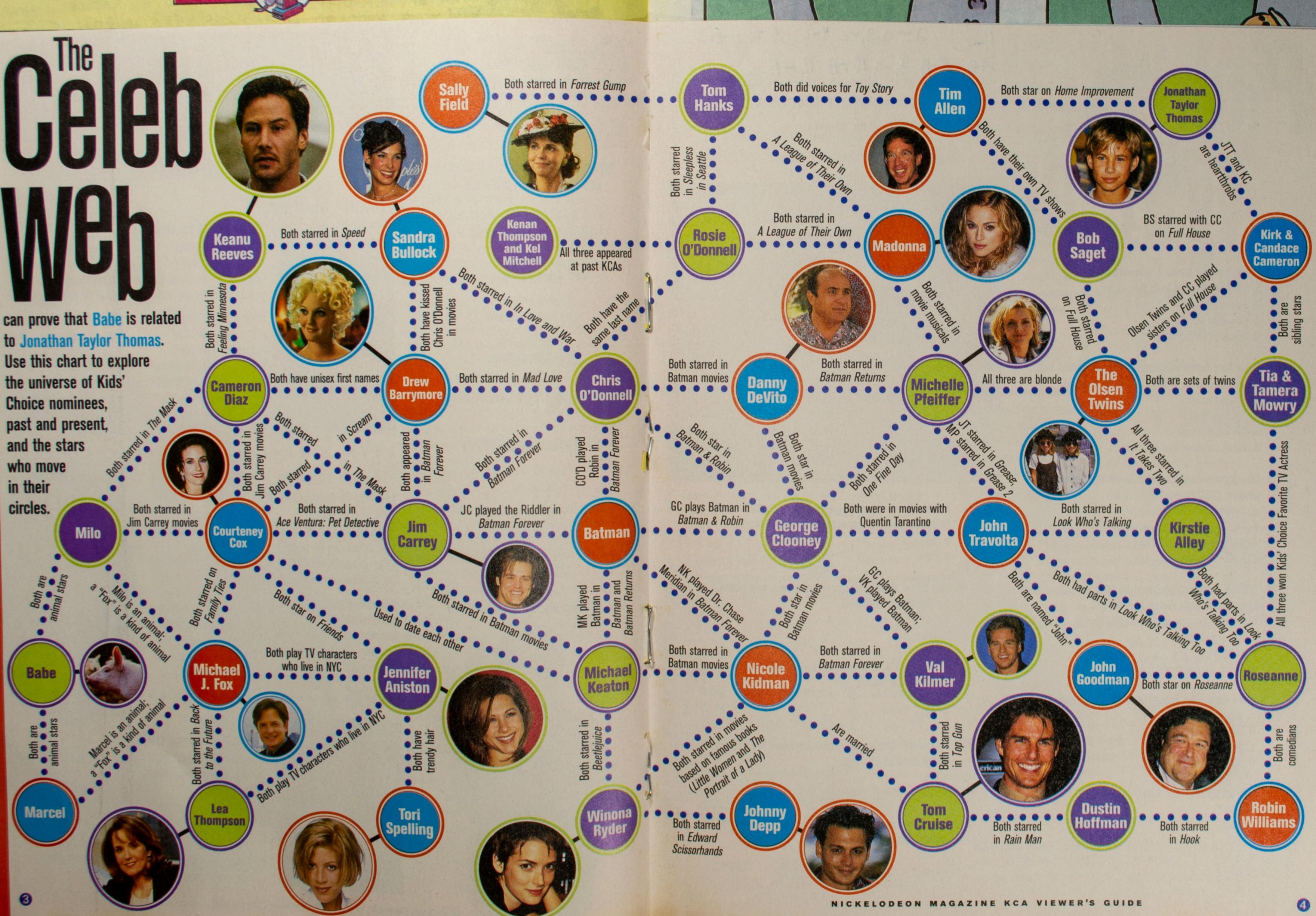
What is the best award you've ever won?

All of them are great!

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The Celeb Web

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can prove that **Babe** is related to **Jonathan Taylor Thomas**. Use this chart to explore the universe of Kids' Choice nominees, past and present, and the stars who move in their circles.





Pick a Winner

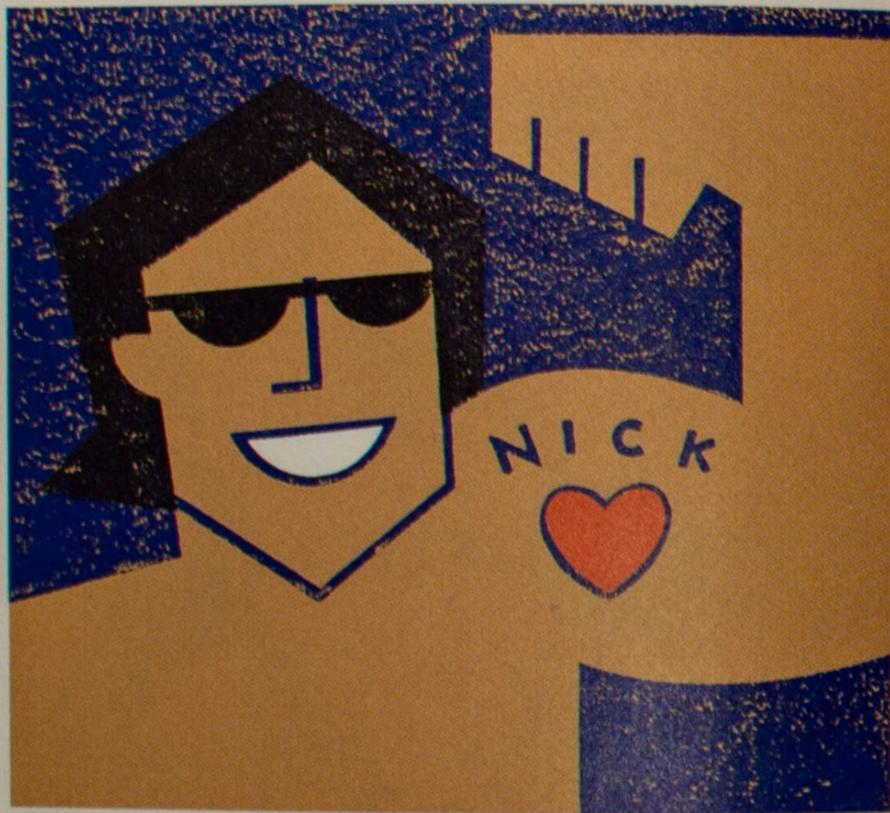
1-c 2-a 3-c 4-a 5-a 6-b

7-B 8-B 9-a 10-B 11.-B

Be a star in your own right by choosing the correct answer to each of the following Kids' Choice questions.

Check along the inside edge of this page for answers.

by Stacey Bowers



1. Kids' Choice Award winners get:

- a. buried in the sand up to their necks.
- b. a tattoo.
- c. an orange blimp trophy.
- d. tickets to a Broadway show.

2. Who has been nominated three times but has never won a Kids' Choice Award?

- a. Martin Lawrence
- b. Abraham Lincoln
- c. The Road Runner
- d. Susan Lucci

3. The first winner of the Favorite Animal Star award (1995) was:

- a. Lassie.
- b. Elmo.
- c. Milo [the dog in *The Mask*].
- d. Barney.

4. Which two actors have been nominated for Favorite Movie Actor the most?

- a. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Eddie Murphy
- b. Ren and Stimpy
- c. Siegfried and Roy
- d. Kenan Thompson and Kel Mitchell

5. Who has won Favorite Movie Actress the most?

- a. Whoopi Goldberg
- b. Jenny McCarthy
- c. Sinbad
- d. Whitney Houston

6. Which group has been nominated for Favorite Group?

- a. ASAP
- b. TLC
- c. SPQR
- d. TGIF

7. Arnold Schwarzenegger won Favorite Movie Actor for his performance in *Toy Story*.

- a. True
- b. False

8. The Kids' Choice Awards winners are picked by President Clinton.

- a. True
- b. False

9. In 1989, ALF, a furry puppet-alien, won Favorite TV Actor.

- a. True
- b. False

10. The Kids' Choice Awards are also known as the Stimpies.

- a. True
- b. False

11. Tim Allen won Favorite TV Actor in 1996 for his show *Tool Time*.

- a. True
- b. False

Answers: 1-c, 2-a, 3-c, 4-a, 5-a, 6-b, 7-h, 8-h, 9-a, 10-b, 11-b

BEST OF THE BUNCH

Who do you think will win big at Nickelodeon's 10th Annual Kids' Choice Awards? Check the boxes to make your pre-Awards predictions. Then, as you watch the show, circle the actual winners. Tally up your score and write it in the circle below.

THE NOMINEES IN

EACH CATEGORY ARE:

Favorite Movie Actor

- Jim Carrey **97**
- Tom Cruise
- Will Smith
- Robin Williams

Favorite Movie Actress

- Whoopi Goldberg **97**
- Whitney Houston
- Rosie O'Donnell
- Michelle Pfeiffer

Favorite Television Actor

- Tim Allen
- Michael J. Fox
- LL Cool J
- Jonathan Taylor Thomas **97**

Favorite Movie

- Happy Gilmore
- Independence Day
- The Nutty Professor
- Twister **97**

Favorite Television Actress

- Jennifer Aniston
- Courteney Cox
- Tia and Tamera Mowry **97**
- Roseanne

Favorite Television Show

- All That
- America's Funniest Home Videos
- Goosebumps **97**
- Home Improvement

Favorite Singer

- Brandy
- Coolio **97**
- LL Cool J
- Alanis Morissette

Favorite Group

- Boyz II Men
- The Fugees
- Hootie and the Blowfish
- TLC **97**

Favorite Song

- "Always Be My Baby," by Mariah Carey
- "C'mon N' Ride It," by Quad City DJ's
- "I Love You Always Forever," by Donna Lewis
- "Killing Me Softly," by The Fugees

Favorite Female Athlete

- Dominique Dawes
- Shannon Miller
- Dominique Moceanu **97**
- Kristi Yamaguchi

Favorite Male Athlete

- Ken Griffey Jr.
- Michael Jordan **97**
- Shaquille O'Neal
- Emmitt Smith

Favorite Cartoon

- Ace Ventura: Pet Detective
- Steven Spielberg Presents Animaniacs
- Rugrats **97**
- The Simpsons

Favorite Animal Star

- Chance [the dog in *Homeward Bound*] **2**
- Flipper [the dolphin in *Flipper*]
- Pongo [the dog in *101 Dalmatians*] **97**
- Sassy [the cat in *Homeward Bound 2*]

Favorite Video Game

- Donkey Kong Country 2
- NBA Jam Tournament Edition **97**
- Disney's Toy Story **97**
- Super Mario 64

Favorite Book

- Goosebumps: *The Girl Who Cried Monster*, by R.L. Stine
- Goosebumps: *How to Kill a Monster*, by R.L. Stine **97**
- James and the Giant Peach, by Roald Dahl
- Matilda, by Roald Dahl

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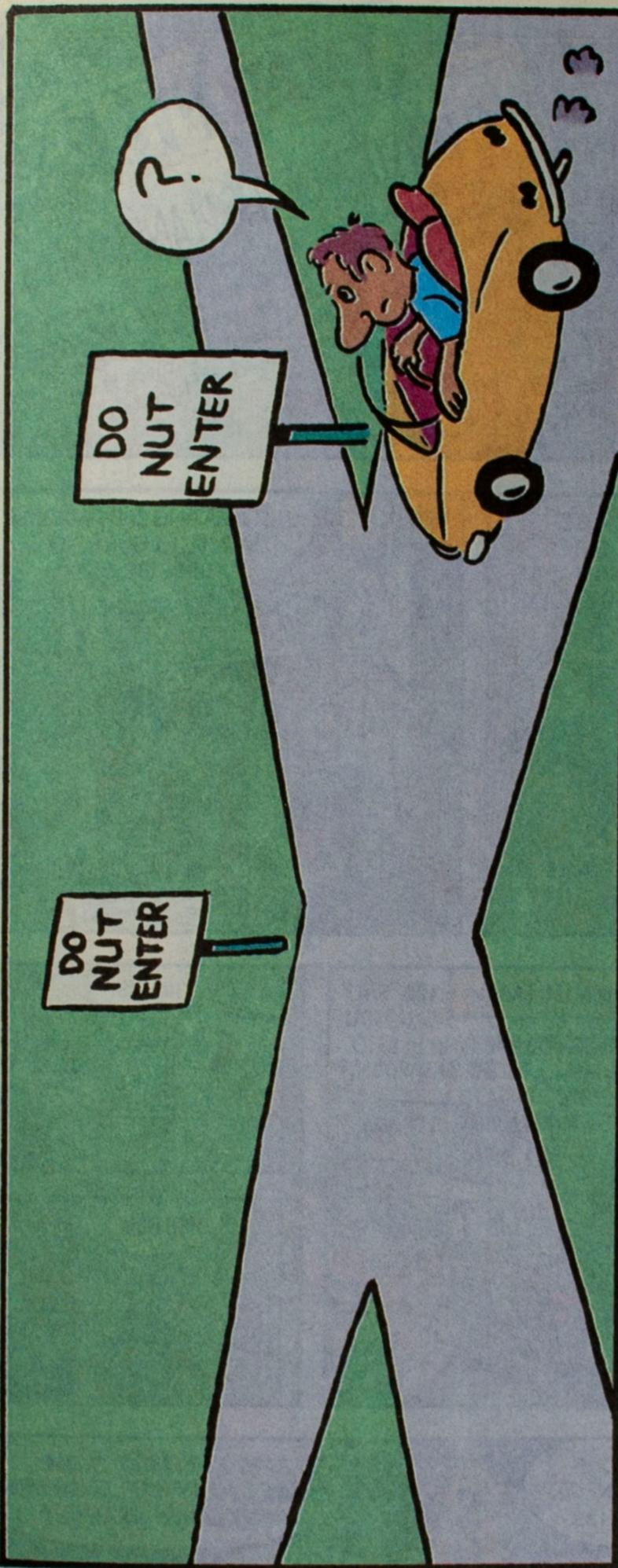
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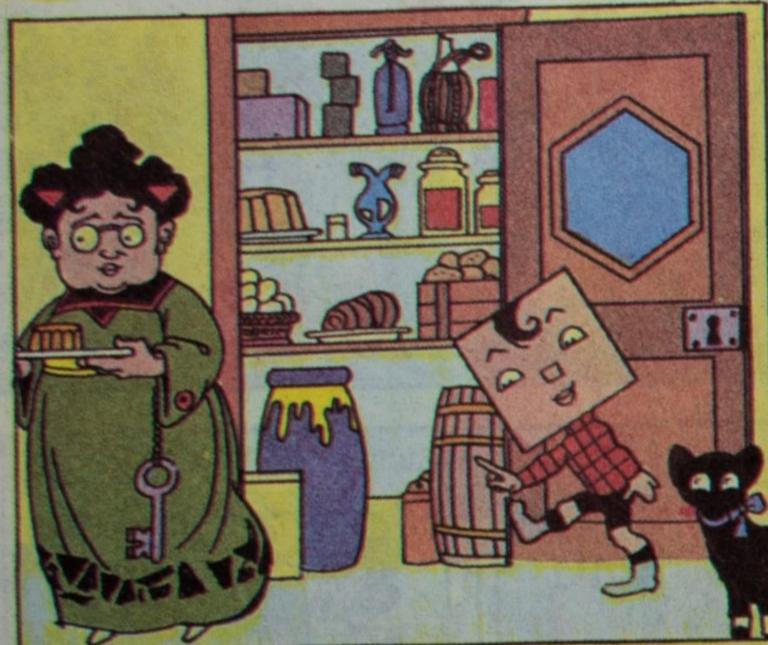
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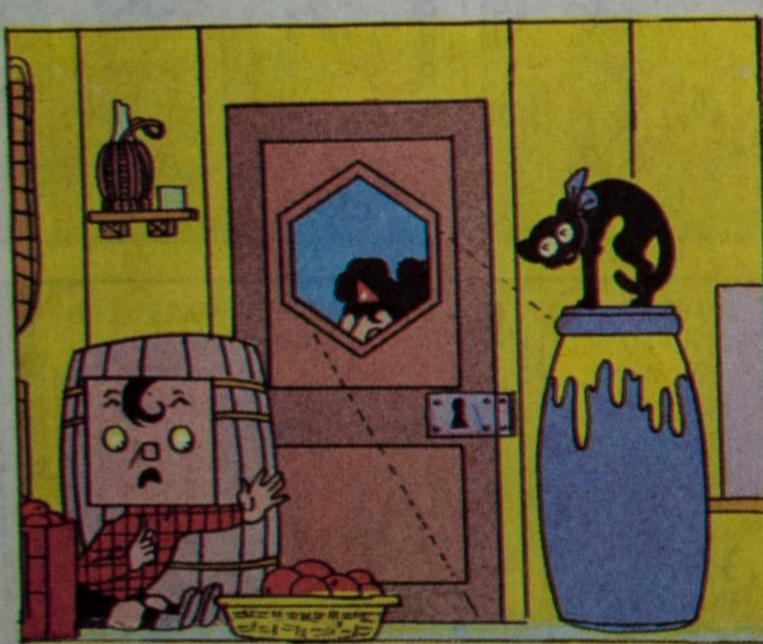
This comic was first published in 1911 in an Italian newspaper.
We think "Little Quadrilateral" is kind of a blockhead.



Little Quadrilateral, quiet as a cat,
Snuck into the pantry, and on the floor he sat.



Auntie locked him in. She used a great big key.
He was so busy munching, he didn't even see.



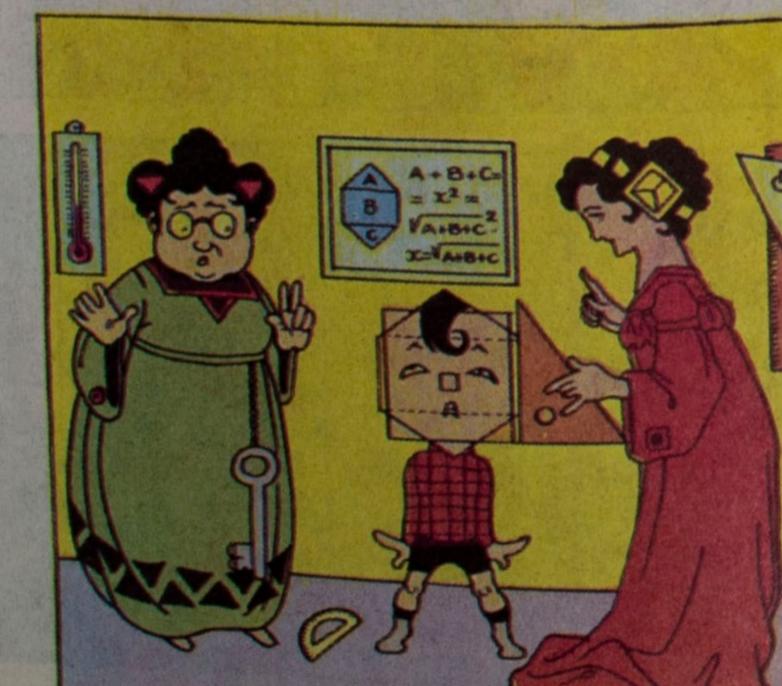
He heard the lock go "click," and then he got upset.
It was so very dark, and scary, too—you bet!



The window was quite small. He tried to force his head
Through the tiny opening. "Oh, this hurts!" he said.



When he started out, his face had been a square.
Now it was a hexagon. "Oh, it isn't fair!"



Translated and adapted by Rosie Amato and Anne D. Bernstein
When his mother found him, she knew just what to do.
Soon his head, it had four sides, and looked as good as new.

Prank Pack

We know how important April Fools' Day should be. And to help you do it up right—both at home and at school—here are some pranks to cut out and use to trick (and amuse) your family, friends, and teachers.

Speedy Dial

- #1 Room service
- #2 My agent's car phone
- #3 Dial-a-Snow-Day
- #4 Scully and Mulder (in DC)
- #5 Pizza 'n' Homework XPress
- #6 Prince Albert (in Cannes)
- #7 Hulk Hogan ringside
- 3 # Jagt, David L., Jagt, Ted K., David L.
- 2 # Regis and Kathie Lee
- #10 Pool Installers
- #11 NASA: Mission Control
- #4 # Lil' Penny's locker



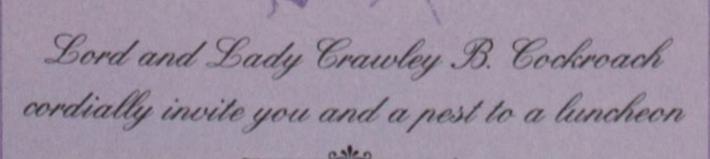
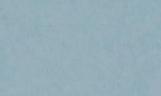
Cut out this fake recall notice and put it on your teacher's desk.

Cut out this speed-dial menu and hang it near the phone. It will "remind" your family what keys to punch for frequently dialed numbers.



- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Horrible Body Odor | 25 Eek! |
| 2 Slowtime | 26-34 Paper View |
| 3 The Dizzy Channel | 35 A & E (& I & O & U & sometimes Y) |
| 4 The Blistery Channel | 38 Wanna BET? |
| 7 The Home Burping Network | 40 Half-Court TV |
| 9 ESP | 43 The Nashville Network |
| 10 TNT-KABOOM! | 47 Great Castles of Europe Station |
| 11 CCN-Cable Clothesline News | 54 The Yearning Channel |
| 12 MSG | 56-66 Public Excess |
| 13 No MSG | 74 American Cookie Classics |
| 15 The Coco Channel | 82 Nick of Time |
| 17 C-Spic and C-Span | 89 IOU |
| 22 The English Channel | 93 PB&J |
| | 96 Corny Central |
| | 97 Financial Snooze Network |
| | 98 The Foot Network |

Cut out this invitation and slip it into a friend's backpack or lunchbag.

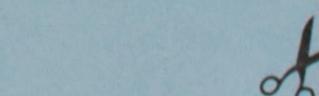


Lord and Lady Crawley B. Cockroach cordially invite you and a pest to a luncheon

At: This very bag
When: Noon to 1 o'clock weekdays
To celebrate: Another day alive
Attire: Gentlemen, Creative Black Flag;
Ladies, Insect Mizrahi gowns.
Food: Gristle Romanov, Squash,
Crumb Brilee

R.S.V.P. by April 1, 1997
B.Y.O.T. Bring your own tentacles.

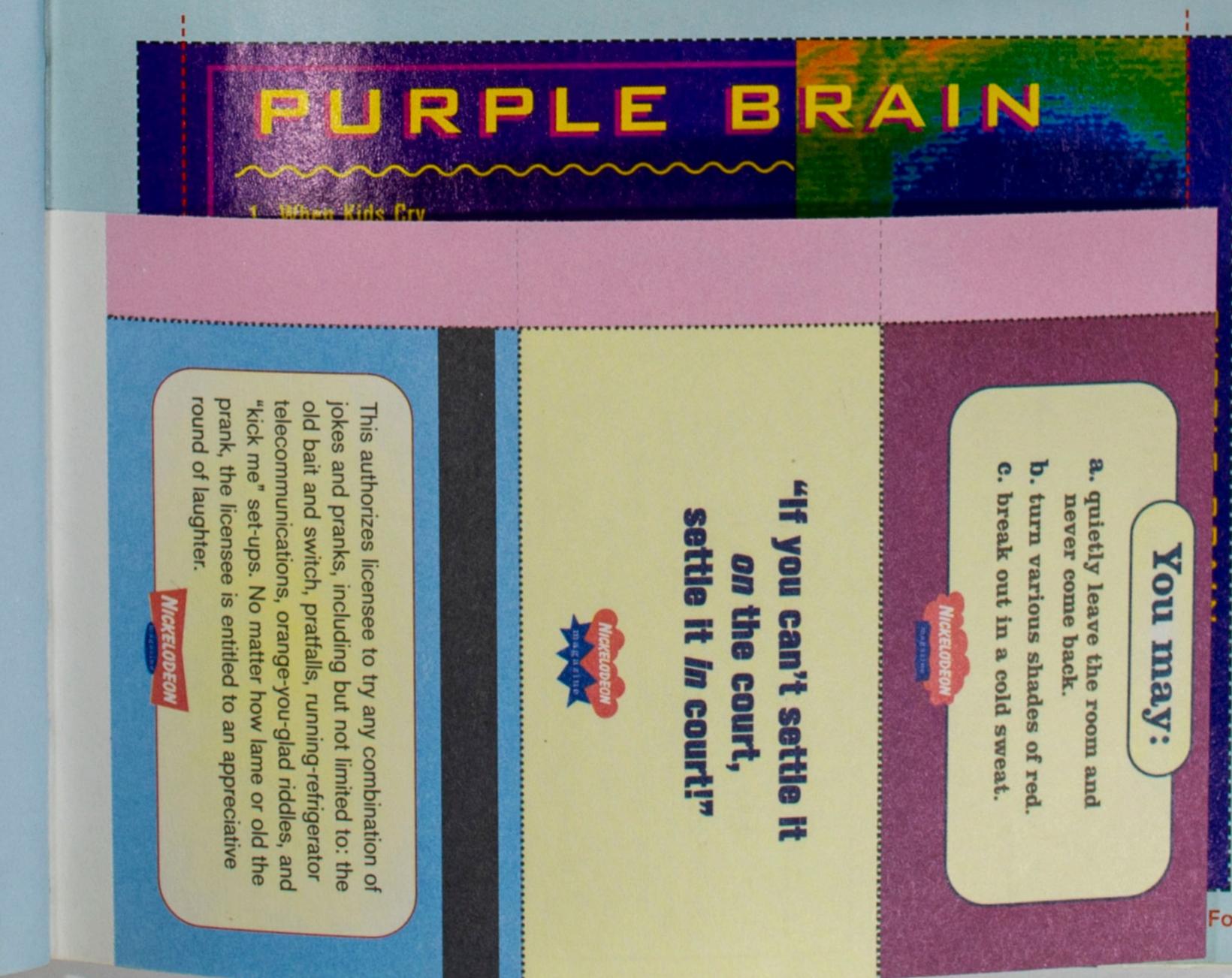
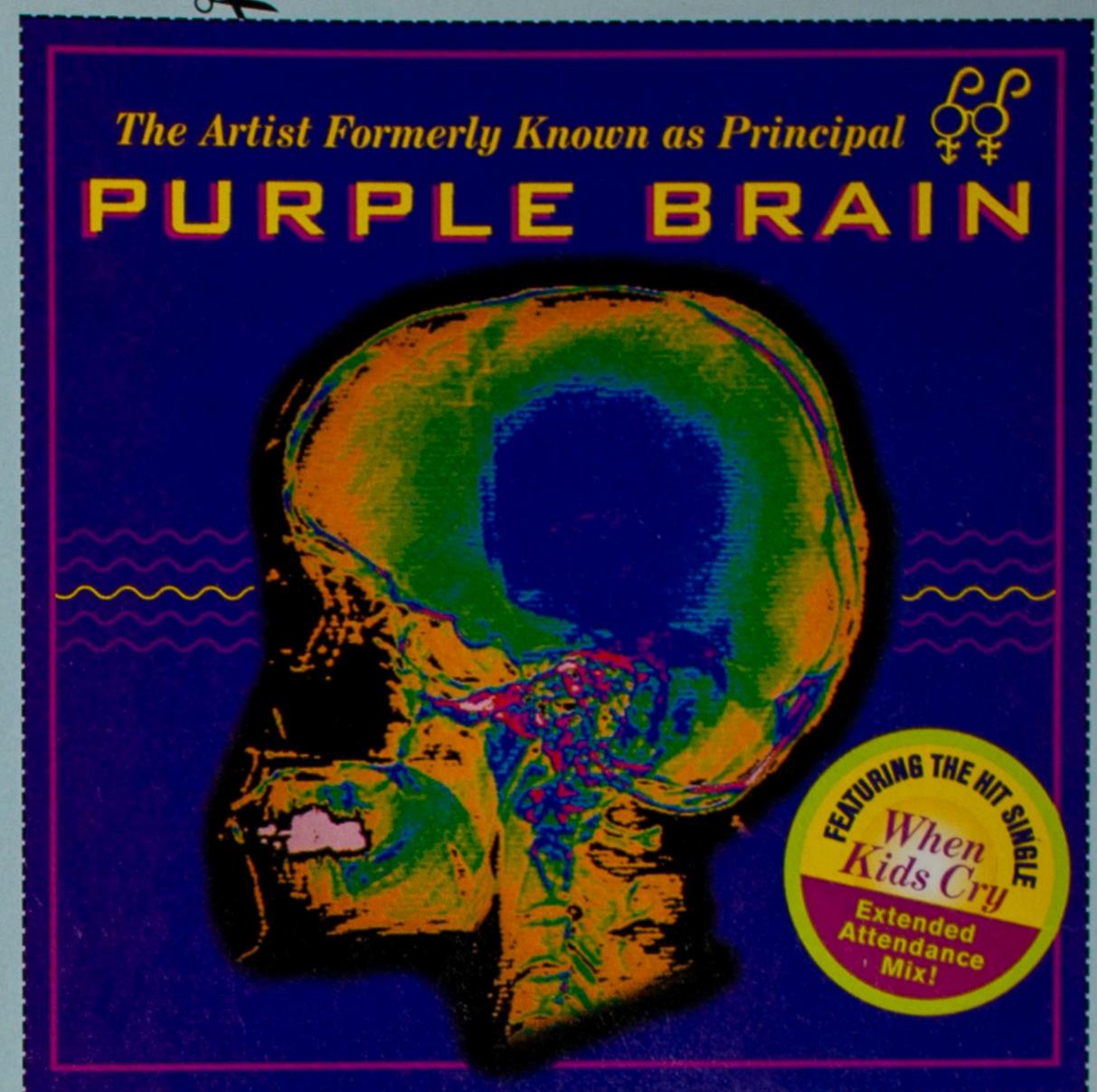
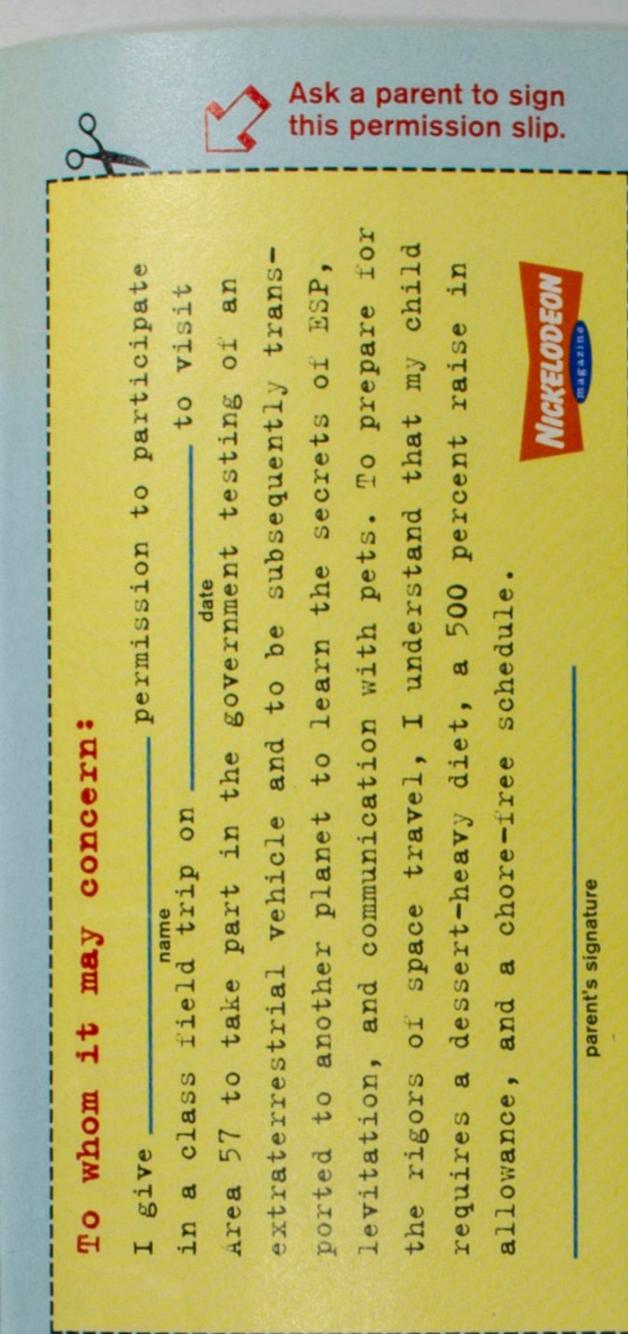
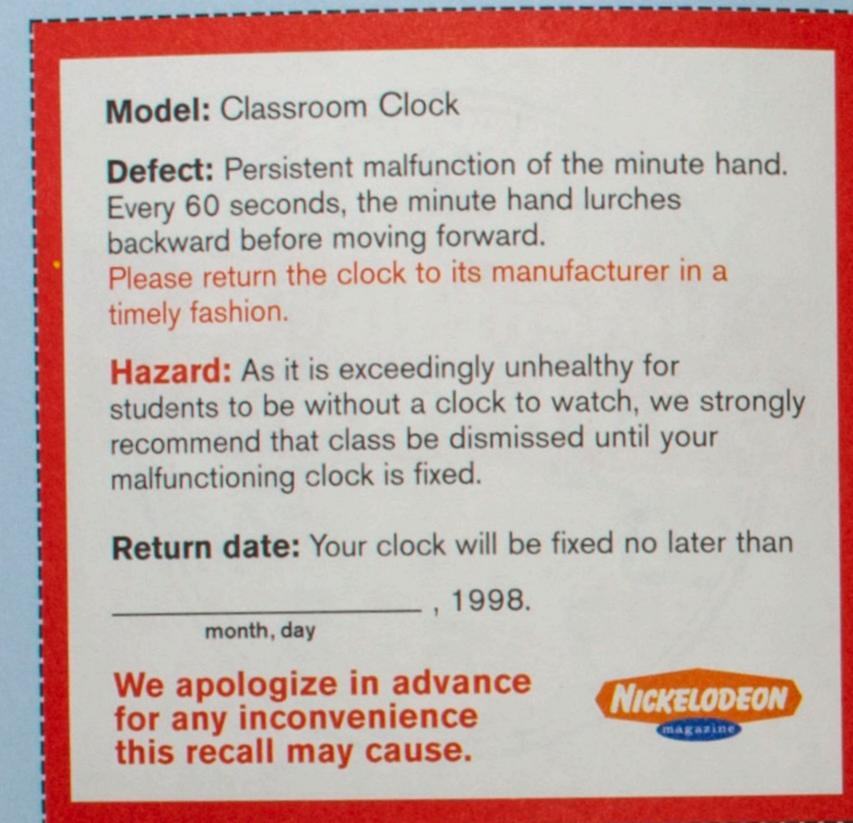
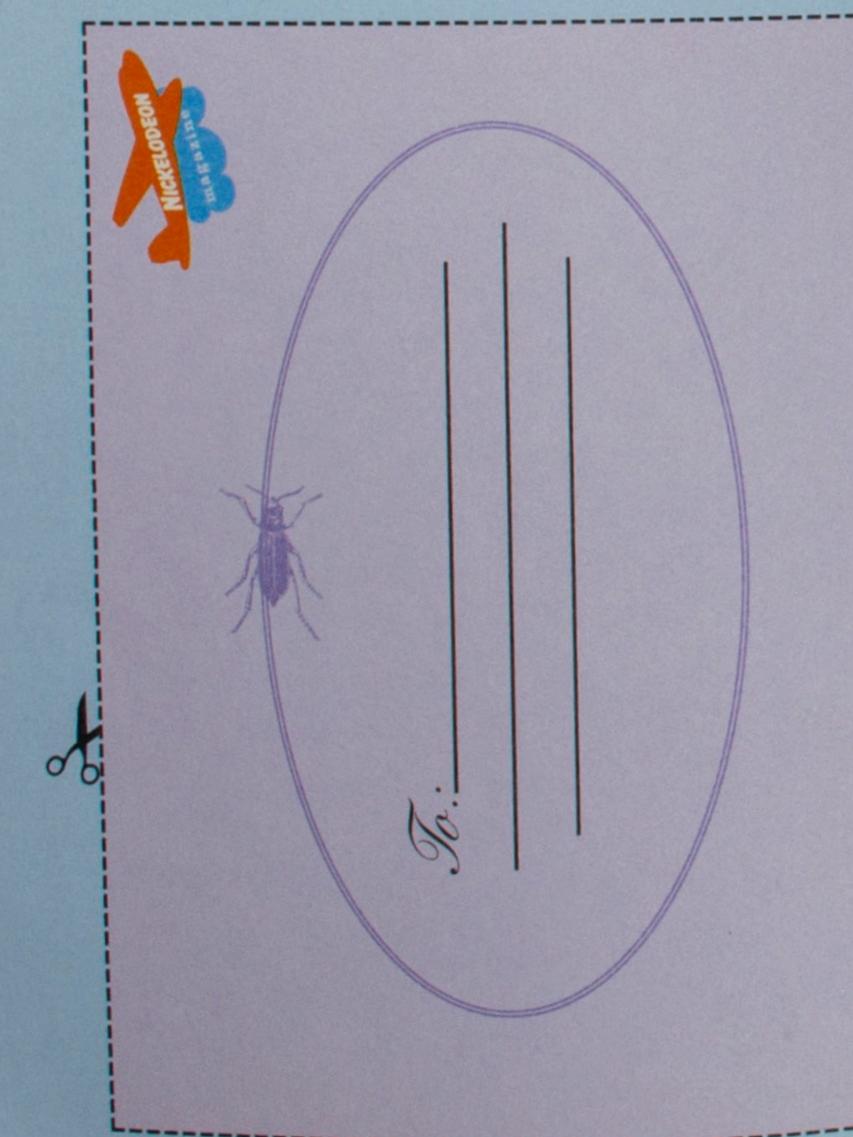
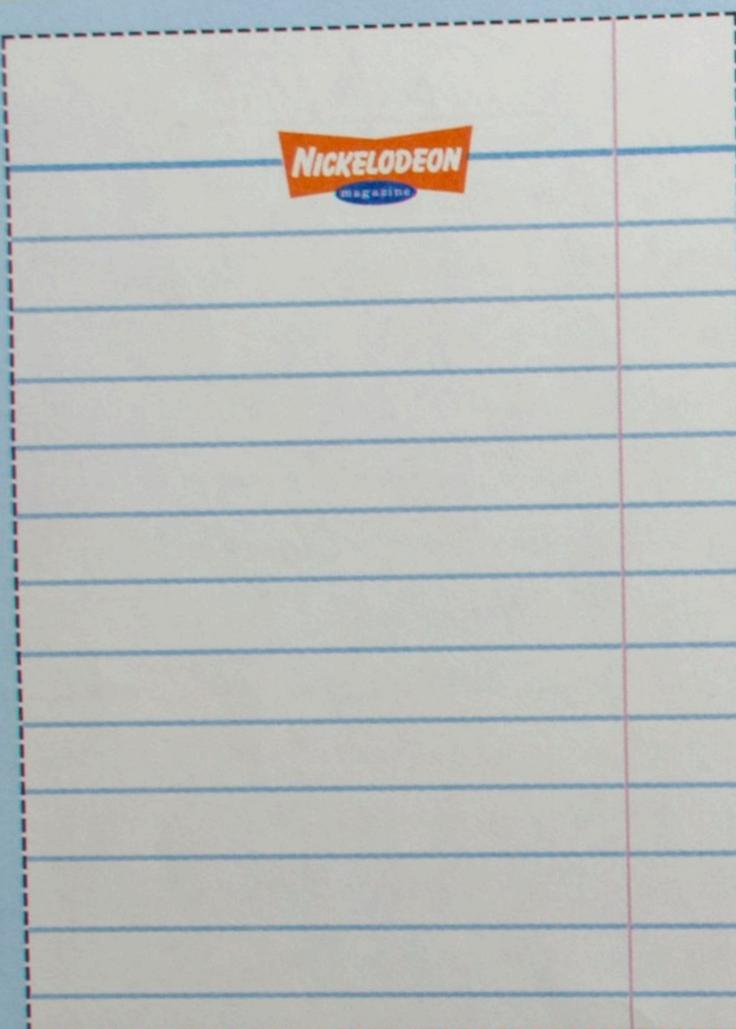
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24-Hour Customer Service:
555-FOOL

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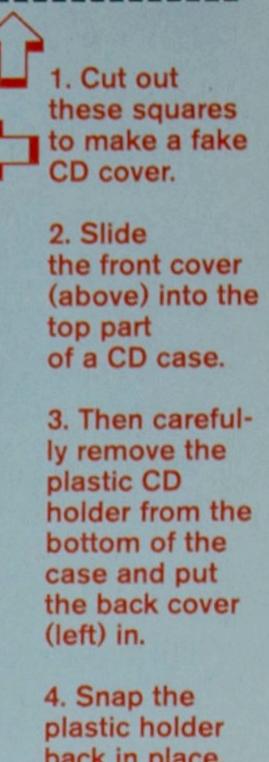
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- a. quietly leave the room and never come back.
 - b. turn various shades of red
 - c. break out in a cold sweat.

**"If you can't settle it
on the court,
settle it in court!"**

This licensee to try any combination of jokes and pranks, including but not limited to: the old bait and switch, pratfalls, running-refrigerator telecommunications, orange-you-glad riddles, and "kick me" set-ups. No matter how lame or old the prank, the licensee is entitled to an appreciative round of laughter.



Prank Pack

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Model: Classroom Clock

Defect: Persistent malfunction of the minute hand. Every 60 seconds, the minute hand lurches backward before moving forward.

Please return the clock to its manufacturer in a timely fashion.

Hazard: As it is exceedingly unhealthy for students to be without a clock to watch, we strongly recommend that class be dismissed until your malfunctioning clock is fixed.

Return date: Your clock will be fixed no later than _____, 1998.
month, day

We apologize in advance
for any inconvenience
this recall may cause.



Ask a parent to sign
this permission slip.

To whom it may concern:

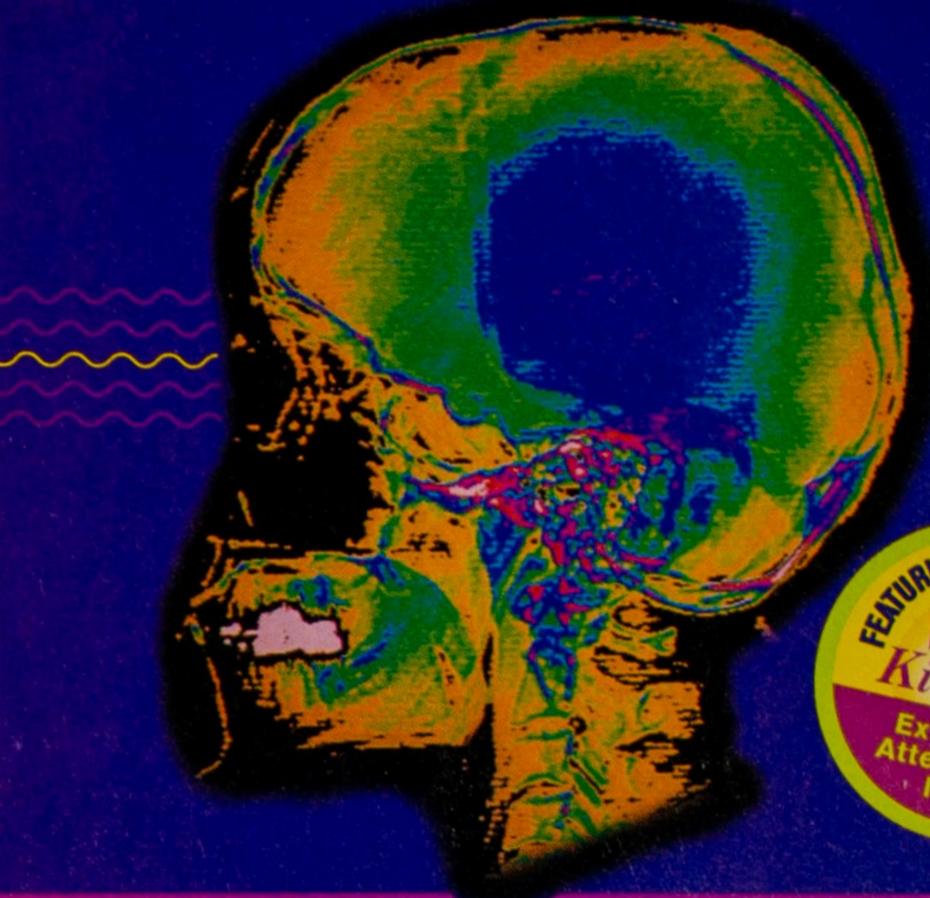
I give _____ name
in a class field trip on _____
Area 57 to take part in the government testing of an
extraterrestrial vehicle and to be subsequently trans-
ported to another planet to learn the secrets of ESP,
levitation, and communication with pets. To prepare for
the rigors of space travel, I understand that my child
requires a dessert-heavy diet, a 500 percent raise in
allowance, and a chore-free schedule.

parent's signature _____



The Artist Formerly Known as Principal

PURPLE BRAIN



1. Cut out
these squares
to make a fake
CD cover.

2. Slide
the front cover
(above) into the
top part
of a CD case.

3. Then carefully
remove the
plastic CD
holder from the
bottom of the
case and put
the back cover
(left) in.

4. Snap the
plastic holder
back in place.

PURPLE BRAIN

1. When Kids Cry
2. Bad Attendance
3. I Would Yell at U
4. 1770
5. I Could Never Take the Place of Your Substitute
6. Nothing Compares and Contrasts 2 U
7. Alphabet St.
8. Little Red Corvette (Shop Class Version)
9. Purple Brain
10. (I Just Want Your Extra Time and Your) Recess
11. Raspberry Berate
12. Kickball Diamonds and Girls
13. The Most Beautiful School in the World
14. When Kids Cry (Marching Band Instrumental)



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PURPLE BRAIN

Fold

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This is to notify

Give this to a
person you prank.

name _____

that you've been fooled.

For reaction options, please see reverse.

name _____, Esq.

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"The _____ inator"

last name _____, first name _____

Address _____

Fake-finger
donor

Corrective Lenses: Fuzzy eyebrows,
nose, and mustache glasses
Category: No class

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*The Best of Schoolhouse Country!

Featuring backup vocals by your favorites

Clint Blackboard • R, R, & Reba McEntire
Randy Truants • Travis Tritt
The Oaktag Boys • Immortal Glou Harris
Tom T. Hall and White Yoakam!!!

I Was Country When Country Was in School

1. Cut out these squares to make a fake CD cover.

2. Slide the front cover (above) into the top part of a CD case.

3. Then carefully remove the plastic CD holder from the bottom of the case and put the back cover (right) in.

4. Snap the plastic holder back in place.

The Best of Schoolhouse Country!

1. Glue LeAnn Rhimes
2. (I've Got) Friends Who Have Braces Math Brooks
3. Achy Breaky Art Project Bill Erase Cyrus
4. Constant Cramming K.d. language arts
5. Medley: Your Seatin' Chart and Hey, Bad Cookin' Ink Williams
6. Medley: Lazy and On the Bus Again Silly Nelson
7. Stand by Your Math Tammy Whinette
8. Take This Assignment and Do It Johnny Paycheck minus
9. By the Time I Get to Phonics Glen Schoolbell
10. Lunch Lady Kenny Dodgeballs
11. Don't Let Make My Brown Paint Blue Crystal Fair
12. The A/V Cart Went Down to Georgia Charlie Daniels Band Practice
13. Whose Desk Have Your Boots Been Under? Shanai Twain
14. 9 to 2:55 Dolly Pardon
15. Class Whiner's Daughter Lorinda Line
16. All My Exes Live in Textbooks George Strait to the Principal

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Ask a parent to sign this permission slip.

To whom it may concern:
I give permission for _____ to go with _____ to the icy Yukon to prospect for gold. I agree to pay for prospecting gear, a round-trip dogsled ticket, and 20 pairs of thick flannel underpants. I also understand that any and all gold found by my child belongs wholly to my child and that I am forbidden to deposit it in a so-called savings account or use it to buy bonds or stationery.

Sincerely,

parent's signature

Fool Fighters

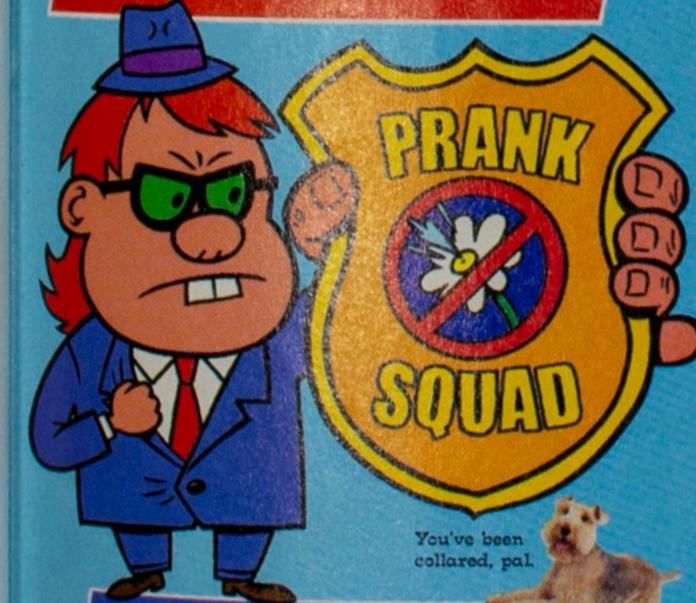
Here are some things to say when someone makes an April Fool of you.

"No, I fooled you. I'm really your mom. Now go to your room!"

"I knew you were joking, but I went along with it because I felt sorry for you because of that Kick Me sign on your back."

"You got me. But according to an often overlooked state bylaw, you must now give me one dollar."

"You're under arrest. I'm with the Prank Squad."



"Wow, you and that big guy behind you with a baseball bat really fooled me!"

"My...heart...oh...no...ack."

"What does it mean, zis April Fool? You explain?"

"According to traditional psycho-analytic theory, your desperate need to make others appear foolish is probably based on a deep subconscious fear that you yourself are a fool."

Easier Done Than Said

by Rob Dinsmoor

Ask a parent to help you with the word problems in the yellow column on this page. Watch as they wrack their brains trying to solve them. Then sweetly ask them to turn the page upside down and check the answers (in blue).

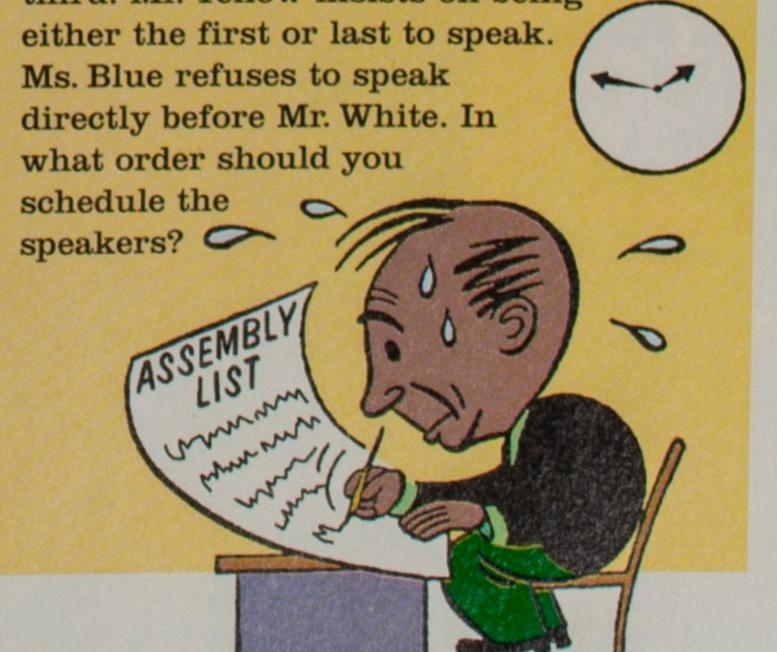
1. Right now, John is three times as old as his sister Janet. In four years, he will be twice her age. How old are both John and Janet right now?

2. There are six coins in your pocket that amount to 58 cents. What coins do you have?

3. You are setting up chairs for a PTA meeting that 56 parents are expected to attend. If the room only has enough space for four seats on either side of a center aisle, how many rows of chairs should you make?

4. You flip a quarter 10 times in a row, and each time it comes up heads. On the eleventh flip of the coin, are you better off calling heads or tails?

5. You are the principal of a school and have arranged for five teachers to speak at an assembly. Mr. Green refuses to be one of the first three speakers. Mr. White likes to go last. Ms. Black cannot speak third. Mr. Yellow insists on being either the first or last to speak. Ms. Blue refuses to speak directly before Mr. White. In what order should you schedule the speakers?



If you want to see the real answers, look on page 58.

5. As the principal, you're the boss. So start acting like one! Those teach-ers should speak in any order that they want them to. Besides, what kind of example are they setting by being such babies?

4. Heads, of course. It's obviously some kind of trick.

3. Chairs? You should be lining up coats and sleeping bags, considering how boring those meetings can get. Also, there's a very good chance that people who said they'd show up will blow it off at the last minute.

2. Take the change out of your pocket and look at it.

1. Why don't you just ask them? If they won't tell you, ask their parents. And if they don't, go to the town hall and see if you can check their birth certificates.

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Featuring **Zelda Van Gutters**, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's Roving Reporter

1 Zelda is surprised one night when Rufus, her poet boyfriend, drops in on her unexpectedly from Limerick, Ireland.

This news you might find a bit grating,
But I think it's best we stop dating.
My love has grown cold.
May I be somewhat bold?
There are others out there for the mating.

Rufus, this is so unlike you!

2 But our heartbroken hound has been made an April Fool by her archenemies, Pugsy Segal and Lola LaPouffe.

That ought to fix her
Chuck Wagon, Lola. And the burgundy becomes you, my fluffy French pastry.

Oh, would you stop yapping and help me out of this goofy costume!

3 Taking the news ruff, Zelda meets with her friend, lawyer Alistair Muzzieworth, at Ye Slimy Bowie, a greasy spoon on the Bowowery.

Something stinks about this, Zelly, and it's not my breath! I'll call Rufus for you.

I guess I have to start dating again. Maybe get a whole new leash on life.

4 Zelda gets her paws wet in the singles scene and goes on a blind date with easy-on-the-eyes seeing-eye dog Chet Charmboy.

...and I pull in about 90,000 kibbles a year, not including my year-end bones. I've got a two-story doghouse in Beverly Howls, and I...

Can't you ever bark about anything other than yourself?!

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5 Meanwhile, Alistair keeps his word to Zelda and phones long-distance to Limerick.

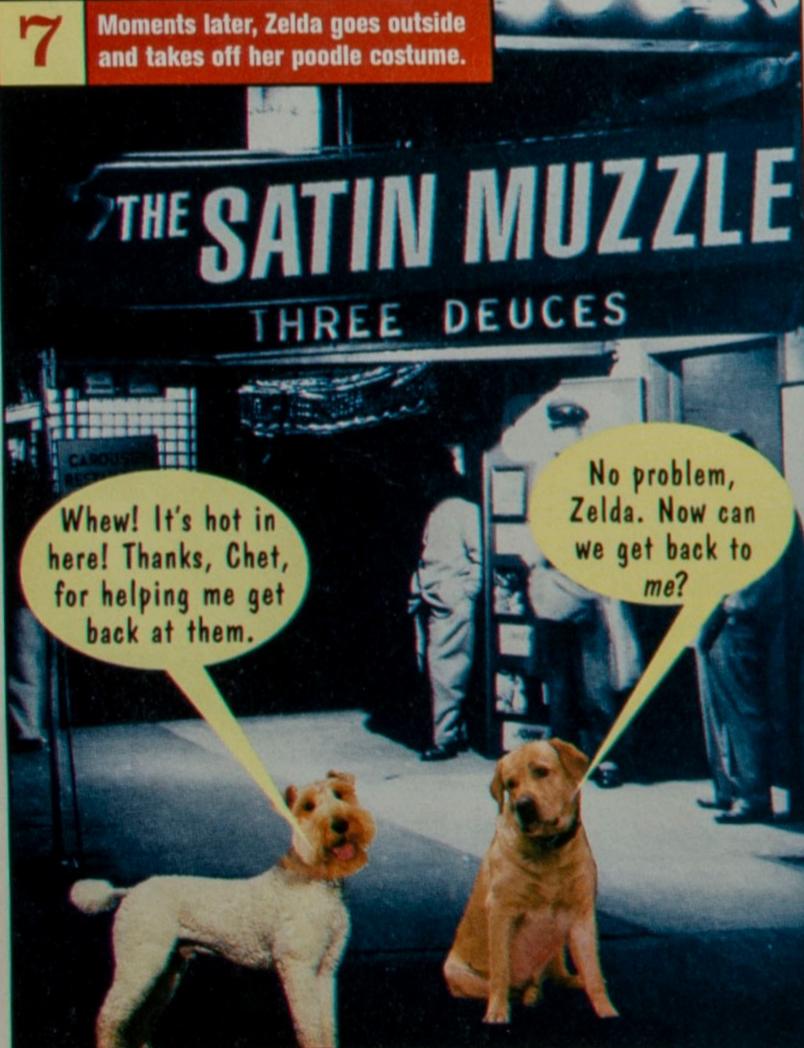


Some pranky pup is tricking my lass. I haven't seen Zelda since many months past!

There's only one dastardly dog I know who would tug Zelly's chain like that...



7 Moments later, Zelda goes outside and takes off her poodle costume.



6 A few nights later, Pugsy reads a note slipped under his door.



Soon, at the Satin Muzzle...

8 The next night, the real Rufus shows up, and he and Zelda stroll through an April shower.



The End

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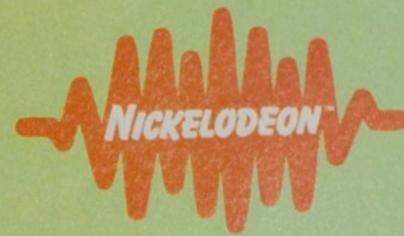
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Pete is cool, he showed me how to do the alphabet in sign language! - George, age 5 **Jamal and**

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Don't be afraid



Be a Friend

Sometimes you see someone who's different from you, and you're kinda scared to talk to them, but you would like to try to be friends 'cause they might be really nice. When you feel that way, just take a deep breath, and say "Hi".



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we play all the time! - Robyn, age 6. Jake can't run cause he's in a wheelchair, but he's



I both like anchovies on our pizza. - Olga, age 8. Tammy had never seen a dreidel before, but I showed her how to use it, and now

The Weird According to AI



"WEIRD AL" YANKOVIC recorded his first parody hit in a college bathroom. Since then, he has had a long line of successful silly songs and videos, such as "Smells Like Nirvana," "Gump," and "Amish Paradise." **Becky Burcham** put the squeeze on everyone's favorite accordion player.

Real

Were you weird as a kid?

Well, I'm an only child, I grew up playing the accordion, and I lived in the Los Angeles area. All those things added up to weirdness.

Did you parody songs when you were a kid?

When did you start playing the accordion?
Right before I turned seven. This sounds like a joke, but it's not: A door-to-door accordion teacher asked my parents if their son would like lessons. And for some reason, my folks thought it was a swell idea. I guess they wanted me to be really popular in high school.

And were you really popular in high school because of the accordion?

You know, strangely enough, none of my friends wanted me to play at their parties or have me in their rock bands. Ultimately, I had to start my own band.

What was your first hit song?
I started sending stuff to Dr. Demento [a disc jockey with a national weekly comedy program] when I was about 14. The first one that was a hit was "My Bologna," a parody of the Knack's "My Sharona."

How long does it take you to write a parody?

The good ideas come pretty quickly. Then I'll give myself a week or two to work on it. I could write faster than that, but I know I have to live with my songs for the rest of my life. So I try to come up with as many funny ideas as possible before I commit them to tape.

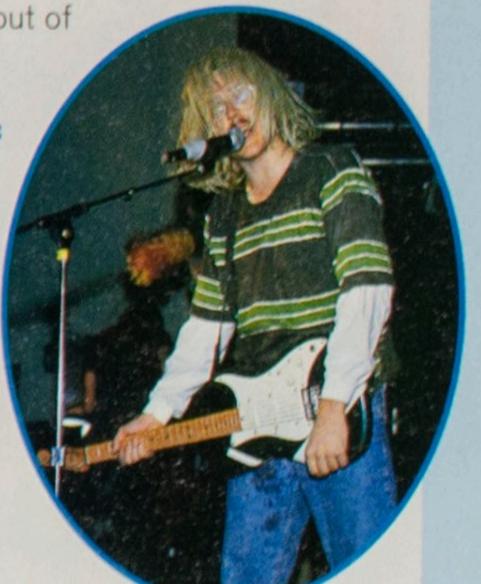
Have any musicians ever disliked the parodies you do of their songs?

In general, no, because I get permission when I do parodies. They're not meant to be put-downs. I like to think the original singer or writer is in on the joke.

Have you heard anything from any Amish people about "Amish Paradise," your parody of Coolio's "Gangsta's Paradise"? A few people claiming to be Amish told me they got a big kick out of the song.

What would the lyrics
be to a parody song
about you?

"Oh, Al, Great and
Wonderful Al..." Oh, I don't
know. I'll leave that for
somebody else.



**Al gets a whiff
of Nirvana**

APRIL

▲ Carefully tear out this page along the dotted line.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| | | | | | | |
| 1 Mathematics Education Month begins <i>Divide and conquer.</i> <i>April Fools' Day</i> | 2 U.S. Mint established, 1792 <i>But when was the U.S. Gum established?</i> | 3 Eddie Murphy, actor, born, 1961 <i>He was a nutty baby.</i> | 4 It's 4/4 <i>We're all four it.</i> | 5 Booker T. Washington, educator, born, 1856 <i>Booker was on the books.</i> | 6 Daylight Saving Time begins <i>Spring forward.</i> | 7 Billie Holiday, jazz singer, born, 1915 <i>Today should be a Holiday.</i> |
| 8 <i>Can't you just smell that macaroni and cheese?</i> | 9 U.S. Civil War ends, 1865 <i>Makes peace.</i> | 10 Safety pin patented, 1849 <i>Be on the safe side.</i> | 11 Victoria Falls Bridge between Zimbabwe and Zambia completed, 1905 <i>Why would they build a bridge that falls?</i> | 12 Shannen Doherty, actress, born, 1971 <i>Throw a fit.</i> | 13 Butch Cassidy, outlaw, born, 1866 <i>Go west.</i> | 14 Small Fry Club, first kids' TV show, premieres, 1947 <i>No, it wasn't on Nickelodeon.</i> |
| 15 Leonardo Da Vinci, artist, born, 1452 <i>No relation to Leonardo DiCaprio.</i> | 16 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, former NBA player, born, 1947 <i>He was MVB—Most Valuable Baby.</i> | 17 J. P. Morgan, American financier, born, 1837 <i>Was his rolling in the Play-Doh?</i> | 18 San Francisco Earthquake, 1906 <i>There was a whole lot of shakin' going on.</i> | 19 Paloma Picasso, designer, born, 1949 <i>She has a strong business sense.</i> | 20 Don Mattingly, former baseball player, born, 1962 <i>Get your mitts on something.</i> | 21 Charlotte Brontë, author, born, 1816 <i>She was no Eyre-head.</i> |
| 22 Mathematics Education Month continues <i>It's all starting to add up.</i> | 23 Mount Etna, Italian volcano, erupts, 1910 <i>Spout off.</i> | 24 Barbra Streisand, performer, born, 1942 <i>Need people.</i> | 25 Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of radio, born, 1874 <i>Eat Marconi and cheese.</i> | 26 Plant your May flowers today. Then hope it showers. | 27 Ulysses S. Grant, 18th U.S. President, born, 1822 <i>Who was bundled in Grant's crib?</i> | 28 Jay Leno, talk show host, born, 1950 <i>Keep your chin up.</i> |
| 29 Jerry Seinfeld, comedian, born, 1954 <i>What's the deal with babies?</i> | 30 National Hairstylist Day <i>Say it, don't spray it.</i> | | | | | |

AAAHH!!! Real Wheel Monsters



We crashed the U.S. Hot Rod Monster Jam in Uniondale, New York, and asked two drivers some crushing questions.

ANTHONY FORTIER drives the Pony Express, a 1967 Ford Mustang body on a monster truck frame (see picture below).

What made you decide to drive a monster truck?

My regular truck wasn't big enough. It was just a street truck.

Why did you name your truck the Pony Express?

The car is a Mustang, which is named after a horse. And I also have real horses at home. I've had horses for about 18 years.

Which is more fun to ride, the truck or the horses?

The truck.

Do you use a ladder to get into the Pony Express?



No, I climb the tires. The treads are like rungs.

How fast can your truck go?

About 70 miles an hour.

How many miles do you get to the gallon?

Actually, a monster truck gets gallons per minute, and it runs on alcohol, not gas. My truck uses seven gallons a minute, and my tank holds 25 gallons.

Where do you keep your monster truck's spare tire?

I don't have one, because they're very expensive. They cost about \$2,500 each.

Is it a real step down when you drive your regular car?

No. It's a pleasure. Although when I'm stuck in traffic, sometimes I have to fight the urge to just drive over other cars.

LONNY CHILDRESS drives Bigfoot (above).

How did you get started driving monster trucks?

I was a fan and decided I wanted to try it. I had my own truck for three years, and then the owner of Bigfoot, Bob Chandler, asked me to drive a truck for him. It's a lot easier to tear up his stuff than mine.

Because you don't have to pay for it when something breaks?

That's right.

Have you raced any other kind of vehicle?

No, this is the first type of racing I've done.

Do you have a favorite kind of monster?

A monster truck! But I also like the Tasmanian Devil.

Is there anything else that you'd like to put gigantic wheels on, like a vacuum cleaner?

Anything that has wheels should have bigger wheels.

How many cars have you crushed in your career?

A lot. I guess I crush an average of 10 cars per show.

Do you ever feel bad for the cars you're crushing?

Absolutely not.

Truck or False?

A lot of hot rods have revved-up names. In the following pairs, can you tell which name is real? **Answers on page 58.**

1. **Monster Patrol**
Carzilla
 2. **The Gory Lorry**
Grave Digger
 3. **Whiskerz on Kittenz**
Mad Dog
 4. **Snakebite**
Overbite
 5. **Locomotion**
Loose Caboose
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 10. **Boogey Van**
The Hunker Chief
 11. **Dustbuster**
Bustin' Loose
 12. **Above & Beyond**
Down & Out
 13. **Carolina Crusher**
California Razin'
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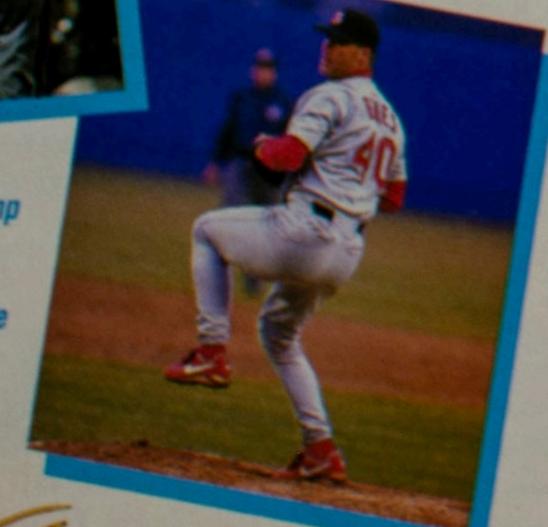
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About that suit: It weighs 35 pounds and is very hot. "At first, I was huffing and puffing and dying, but I got used to the heat. And during a game, I run back and forth to a room where I take my head off, towel off, and drink lots of fluids."



The Phanatic (above) is up to no good. Andy Benes (right) can be quite a Card.



The Phanatic's favorite song: The Bus Boys' version of "The Boys Are Back in Town."

Most embarrassing moment in costume: "In Louisville, Kentucky, at a minor league stadium, I fell off a ledge, but my foot got stuck, so I ended up dangling upside down over the field. I wriggled free by kicking off my oversize shoe."

The players who play along: "Andy Benes of the St. Louis Cardinals really gets into it with the Phanatic. He usually brings his own props to the game—water guns and that kind of thing. And Chuck Carr of the Florida Marlins was a piece of work. He threw a pie at me once and brought his own Silly String."

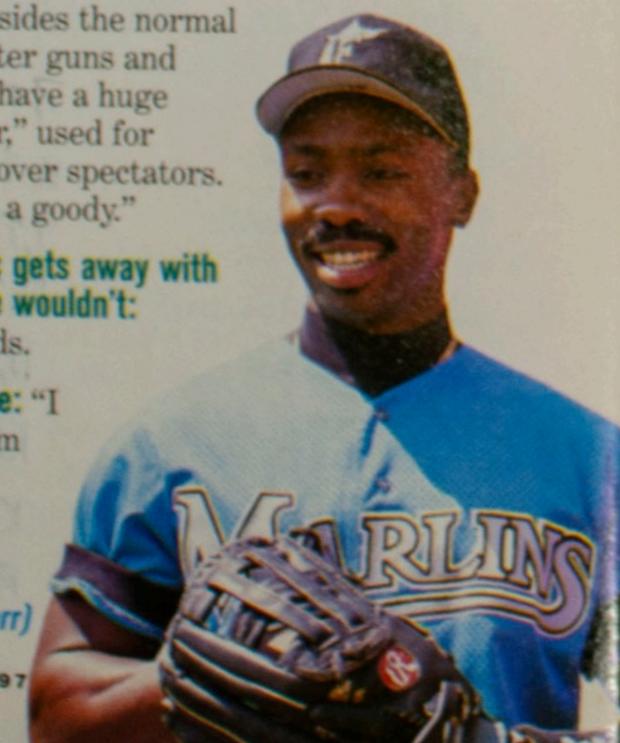
Favorite prop: "Besides the normal assortment of water guns and Silly String, I do have a huge popcorn container," used for pouring popcorn over spectators. "It's an oldie, but a goody."

What the Phanatic gets away with that Tom Burgoyne wouldn't: Shining bald heads.

Halloween costume: "I don't dress up. I'm Tom Burgoyne, average Joe."

Chuck Carr
(Hardyharharharr)

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As mascots for professional sports teams, these three are well suited for their jobs.
By ANDREW SANTELLA



DAN LEMONNIER is **BENNY THE BULL**
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About that suit: It weighs about 12 pounds. "I've never brought a thermometer in with me, but the suit is very hot. I generally soak through a couple T-shirts each game."

Allowed to talk? No.

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Benny's favorite song: "Wooly Bully."

Most embarrassing moment in costume: "We sometimes have these performing dogs that catch Frisbees, and one of them attacked me. He hated the costume. He leapt up and bit into it and just hung onto the belly."

The players who play along: "Bill Wennington is probably the most easygoing player on the Bulls. And Charles Barkley is always ready to play along. I wiggled my butt at him once and he popped me in the nose. I fell down and had the ball kids drag me off by my ankles."

The next game that we played against his team, I came out with boxing gloves, and he popped me again."

Favorite prop: "I have a tricycle. And we also have four Little Bennies who come out and play follow-the-leader or musical chairs with me."

What Benny the Bull gets away with that Dan Lemonnier wouldn't:

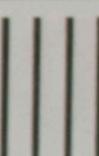
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Charles Barkley (left) doesn't put up with any Bull.

Halloween costume: Doesn't have one. "I watch everyone else."

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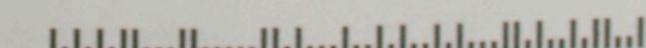
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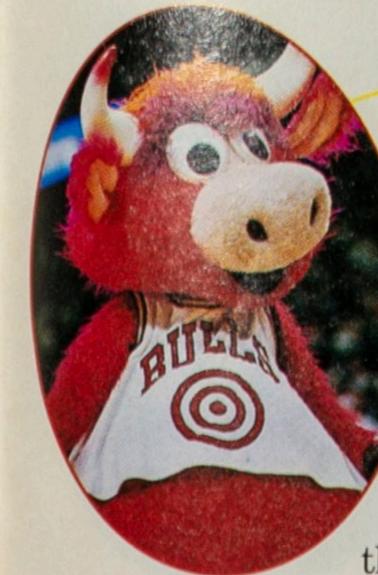
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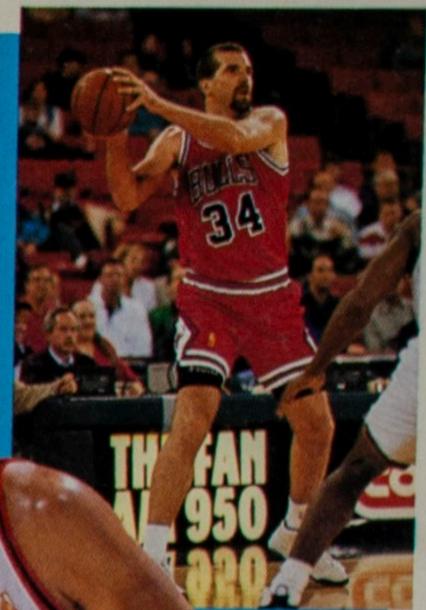
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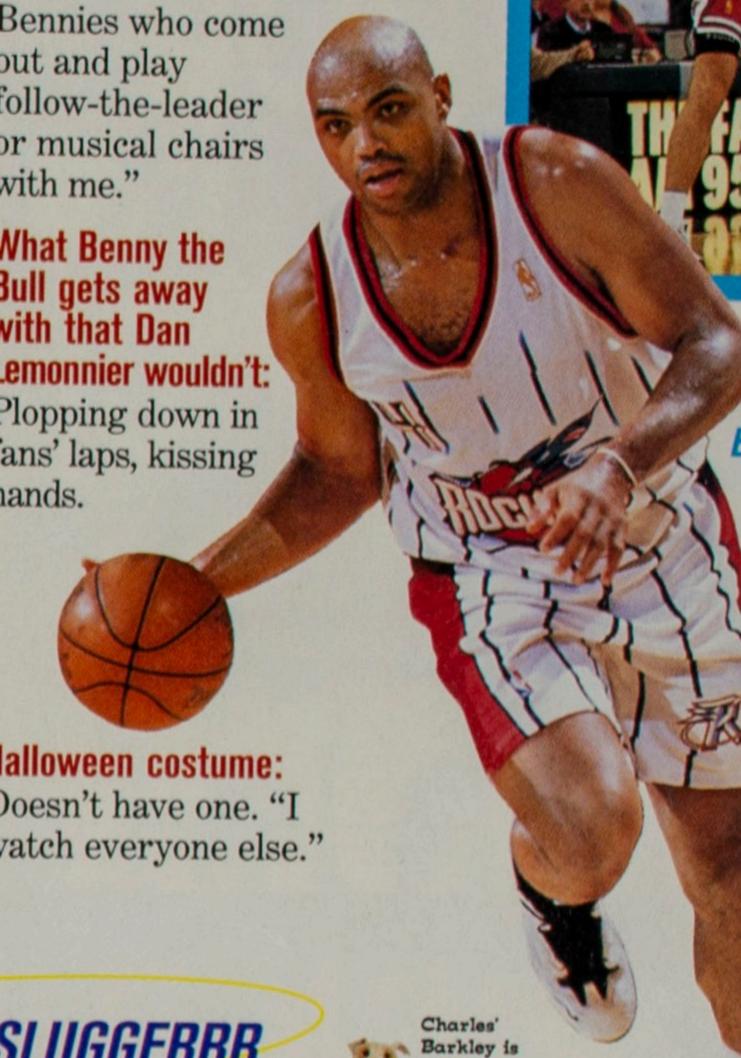
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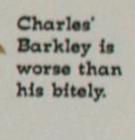
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BYRON SHORES is **SLUGGERRR**
of the Kansas City Royals

Sluggerrr is: "Not a troublemaker, but he likes to stir things up, and cause a lot of fun,"

Byron says. "Shoot, when

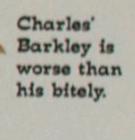
I'm inside the suit, I'm doing what I would normally be doing, having fun, trying to let my personality come out."

About that suit: "Some mascots have the big belly, but Sluggerrr is a very athletic lion. He's cut. On an August day, the suit is one of the hottest things you can imagine. It's like an oven. But I've never passed out, and I've never thrown up in the head."

Allowed to talk? No.

Special skill: Dancing on top of the stadium's Jumbo Tron. "It's a ledge about thirty feet up and about three feet wide. It's not like balancing on a two-by-four, but you wouldn't want to have a picnic up there either."

Sluggerrr's favorite song: "Anything you
can shake a tail to."



Charles' Barkley is worse than his bitey.

Favorite prop: "On a hot day, any mascot's best friend is a Super Soaker. And we're going to try

to get a bazooka-type thing to blow T-shirts or hot dogs at the crowd. I thought it might be cool to shoot nachos."

What Sluggerrr gets away with that Byron Shores wouldn't: Plopping down in fans' laps, shining bald heads. "Baldheaded men don't turn around and knock my block off."

Halloween costume: Doesn't have one. "Are you kidding? That's my one night off. I have 364 days to dress up." □



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Real Face to Face



Take a good look at this girl. Which famous woman did she grow up to be? Answer on page 58.



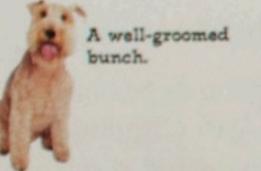
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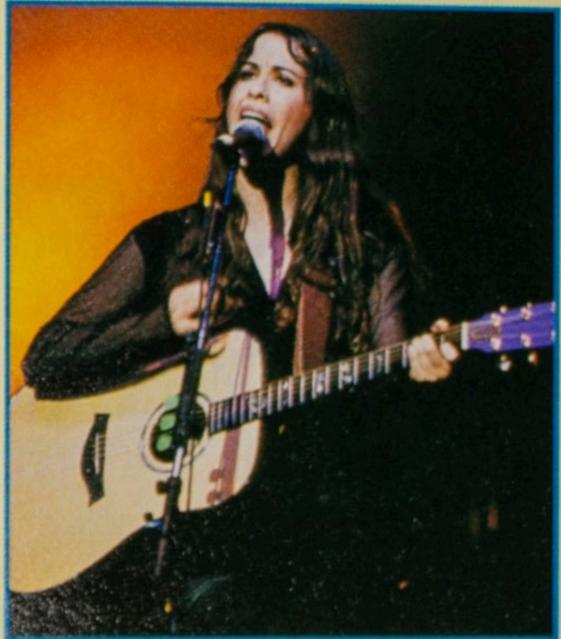
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Passing Notes:

*Alanis
Morissette*



Alanis Morissette is only 22 years old, but she has already sold more than 20 million records worldwide. Take this quiz to find out what else "You Oughta Know" about her.

Circle the correct answer to each question.
Answers on page 58.

1 The title of Alanis Morissette's most recent album is:

- a. Drag It Up a Hill
- b. Jagged Little Pill
- c. Maggie's Last Spill
- d. Jack and Little Jill

2 Alanis is named after her father Alan and her mother Lisa.

- a. True
- b. False

3 In the song "Ironic," Alanis sings:

- a. "It's like rain on your parade."
- b. "It's like a pain in your leg."
- c. "It's like rain on your wedding day."
- d. "It's like snain, which is snow and rain."

4 Alanis got her start on Nickelodeon's *You Can't Do That on Television*.

- a. True
- b. False



e. is a paw.

5 Which line completes this lyric from the song "Hand in My Pocket"? "I've got one hand in my pocket, and the other one..."

- a. is in my nose."
- b. is in my other pocket."
- c. is holding a stop sign."
- d. is hailing a taxicab."

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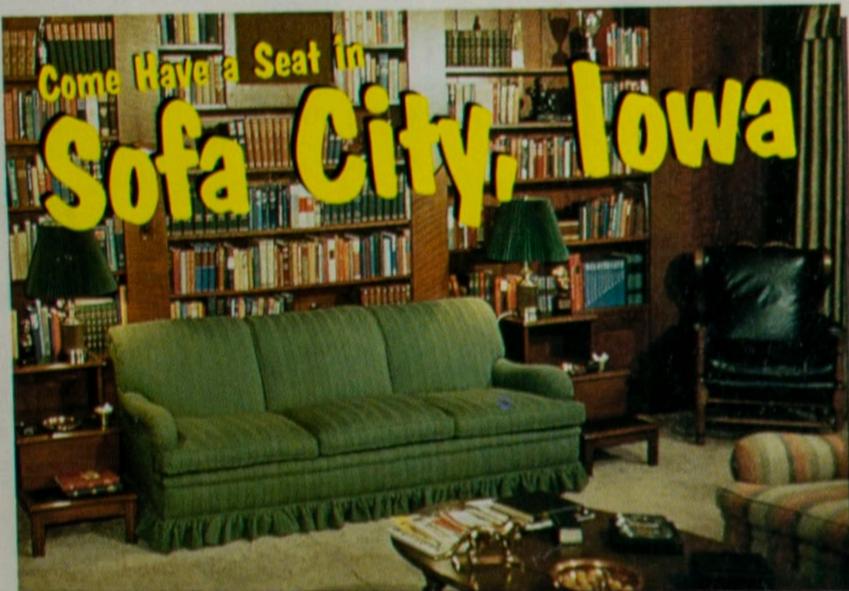
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Sofa City = Davenport, Iowa

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—JIM C., AGE 10



Lotsascratchy = Loxahatchee, Florida

I live in a rural area with dirt roads and many farms. Poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac grow all over the place. The town also has lots of insects that fly, crawl, and bite. That's why I nicknamed my town "Lotsascratchy".
—BRITTANY LEE D., AGE 10

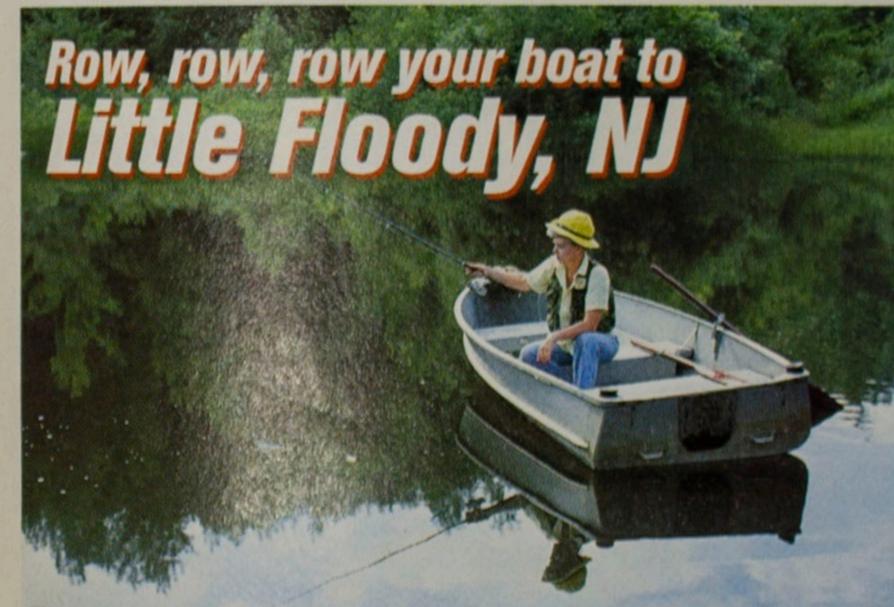
YOU WANT

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Has No Heights = Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey



My town's name is Hasbrouck Heights. Its nickname should be "Has No Heights" because it's about one square mile of flat land.
—JIMMY S., AGE 11



Little Floody = Little Ferry, New Jersey

When it rains in Little Ferry, the streets flood. And when it rains a lot, people have to row boats instead of drive cars. There are no little ferries in Little Ferry, only big floodies.
—VITTORIA ANN P., AGE 8

Toilet Town = Flushing, New York

I call Flushing "Toilet Town" because it's so nice to live here that residents can flush their troubles away.
—SHAVON P., AGE 10

Grand Junktion = Grand Junction, Colorado

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—ANNA S., AGE 8

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Cop: This is what happens when you leave your car out in the rain. It shrinks.

Little car: My underwear feels really tight.

CHRIS G., AGE 8
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Cop: It's a little-known fact that when you become a police officer you have the power to shrink cars.

Little car: I'll say! I had three unpaid parking tickets, and now look at me!

DAN H., AGE 12
HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN



Cop: This man is wanted for driving without a license.

Little car: But it wouldn't fit in the car!

ANN S., AGE 12
AMBRIDGE, PENNSYLVANIA

Cop: It looks like your mom's car had babies.

Little car: The rest of the litter is in the garage.

BROOKE S., AGE 9½
GENESEO, ILLINOIS

Cop: Sorry, kids, but your parents are shrunk for life.

Little car: Help us! Cindy, don't forget to go to school.

NICHOLAS D., AGE 11
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

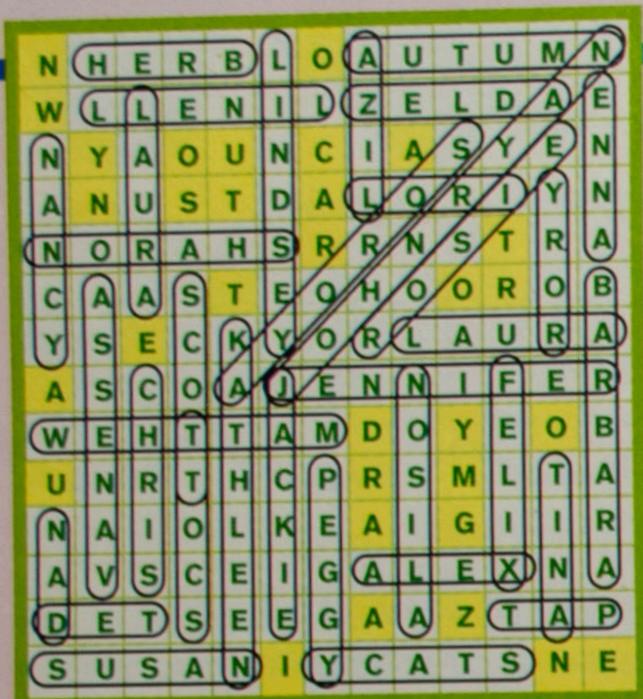
Cop: Two jelly doughnuts and a large coffee.

Little car: I'll take three Munchkins.

MATTHEW G., AGE 11
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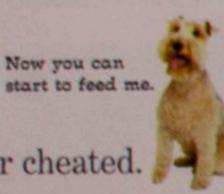
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Masthead Name Search (page 2)



Secret Message: Now you can start to read your magazine!

Now you can start to feed me.



What's the Word? (page 4)

The answer is F, easily tricked or cheated.

Keep Your Eyes Peeled (page 4)

In place of a banana peel, there is a yellow sock on page 22.

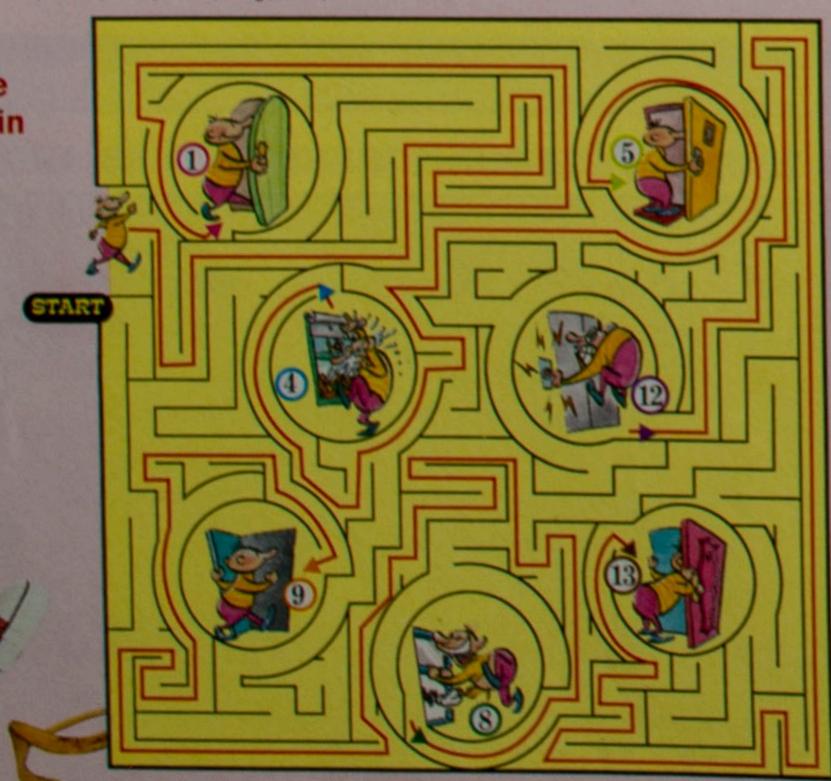
Scrambled Specials (page 12)

1. CHICKEN FINGERS=SICK GREEN FINCH
2. BURRITO=RIB TOUR
3. CHICKEN PATTIES=THIN SICK CAT PEE
4. MACARONI AND CHEESE=MADE IN A ROACH SCENE
5. MEAT LOAF=A FAT MOLE
6. POUND CAKE=OPEN A DUCK
7. SALISBURY STEAK=KISS A SALTY RUBE
8. CHEESE STEAK=SKATE CHEESE
9. CHICKEN BURRITO=CUTE BRICK RHINO
10. ICE CREAM SANDWICH=MEDIC CAN WIRE CASH
11. TATER TOTS=TOT AT REST
12. SUBMARINE SANDWICH=BAD WRENCH IS A MINUS
13. DEVISS FOOD CAKE=ODD CAKE OF ELVIS
14. CURLY FRIES=FURRY SLICE

Mission: Impastable (page 14)

- 1-e, 2-g, 3-b, 4-c, 5-d, 6-i, 7-a, 8-j, 9-f, 10-h.

Escape From Castle Prankenstein (page 17)



Answers

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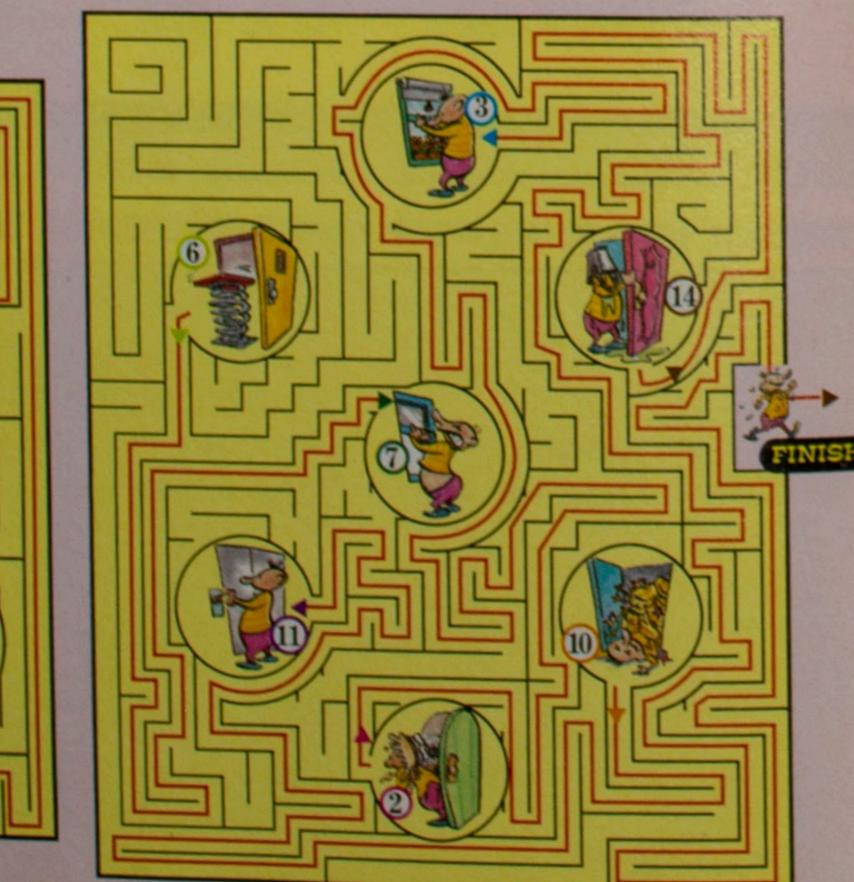


Easier Done Than Said (page 39) 1. John is twelve and Janet is four. 2. Two quarters, one nickel, and three pennies. 3. Seven rows. 4. It will always be a 50/50 chance. You could call either. 5. The order should be: Mr. Yellow, Ms. Black, Ms. Blue, Mr. Green, and Mr. White.

Truck or False (page 51) The following hot rod names are real:
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5-Locomotion, 6-Yellow Model "T", 7-Spellbound, 8-Playin' for Keeps,
9-Predator, 10-Boogey Van, 11-Bustin' Loose, 12-Above & Beyond,
13-Carolina Crusher, 14-Reptoid.

Face to Face (page 54) The girl in the picture is Martha Stewart.

Passing Notes: Alanis Morissette (page 55) 1-b, 2-b, 3-c, 4-a, 5-d.



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We misspelled Viviane Valvezan's name on our masthead last issue. And we forgot to credit Barbara Lipp for her illustrations on "The Joke Page." (P.S. Hello, Hanish!)

The Jokes

by David Lewman

Knock, knock.
Who's there?

Anita.

Anita who?
Anita use your bathroom. Let me in.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?

Barbie.

Barbie who?
Sure! I'll take a cheeseburger.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?

Statch.

Statch who?
No, I'm just standing very still.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?

Day jahv.

Day jahv who?
Knock, knock.
Who's there?

Day jahv.

Day jahv who?
Knock, knock.
(Repeat until the person either gets déjà vu joke or leaves in frustration.)

Knock, knock.
Who's there?

Norma Lee.

Norma Lee who?
Normally, I have my own key. Now let me in.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?

Shamp.

Shamp who?
Why, is my hair dirty?

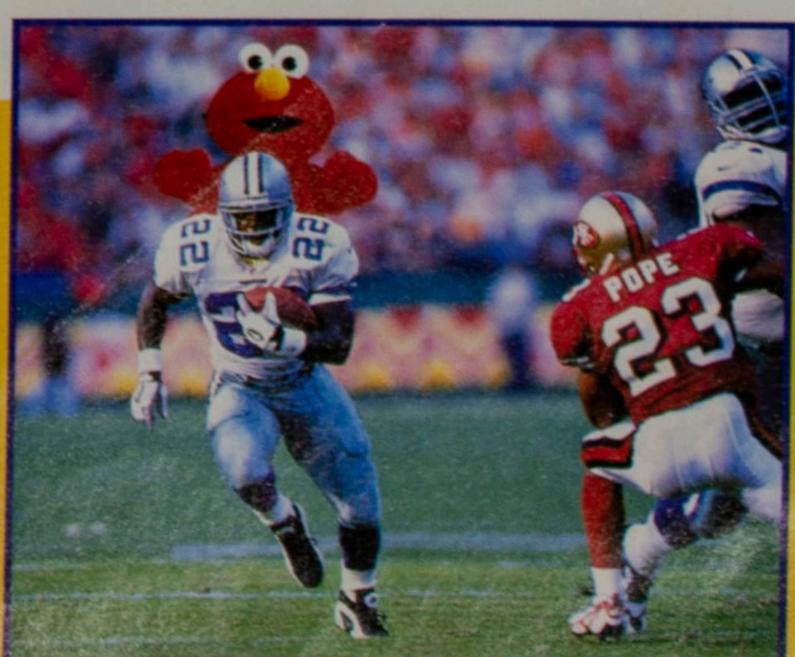
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What's a good prank to play on the Clintons?
Hide their socks.

What did Hillary Clinton say when the tailor delivered her husband's suit?
"Put it on my Bill."

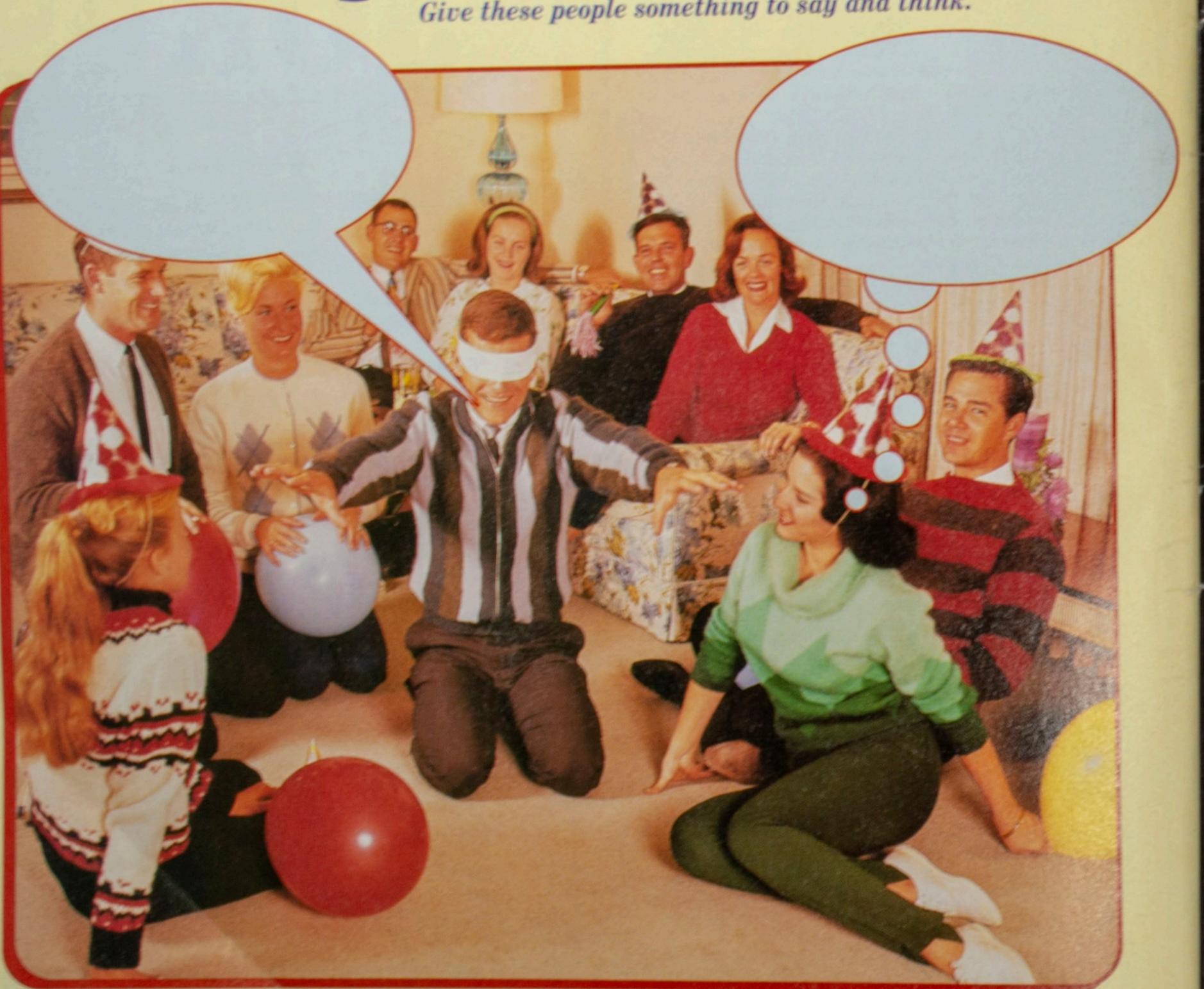
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A Tickle Me Elbow.

What did Emmitt Smith's parents get him for his birthday?
A Tackle Me Elmo.



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